Salem, Saudi officials hold talks

RIYADH (RI — Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem held talks Saturday with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal on the Lebanese situation, officials said. The officials gave no details of the talks but said Mr. Salem would meet King Fahd later. Mr. Salem came to Saudi Arabia from Damascus, whose he said Friday he was acting as a "peace and reconciliation envoy."
His talks with Syrian and Saudi leaders were believed to be aimed at resuming stalled Geneva talks between the warring Lebanese factions in the hope of reaching reconciliation in Lebanon. Foreign Ministry sources in Rivadh said Mr. Salem was briefing Saudi officials on his talks in Syria as well as recent discussions in Washington between Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.



Greek official quits over Cyprus

ATHENS (R) — Greek Foreign Under-Secretary Yannis Kapsis has been relieved of his responsibilities for Cyprus affairs after reports of a clash with the Cypriot leadership. Chief government spokesman Dimitris Maroudas said Saturday Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou accepted Mr. Kapsis' request to step down because of the "uproar created as a result of his handling of the Cyprus problem." "This uproar could only cause damage to the national issue," Mr. Kapsis said in a letter addressed to the prime minister. According to press reports Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou demanded the removal of Mr. Kapsis, holding him responsible for a rift between Athens and Nicosia last month.

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9 U.S. servicemen's bodies reach U.S.

DOVER. Delaware (R; - The bodies of eight U.S. Marines and a navy pilot killed in Lebanon tast Sunday were returned in the United States Saturday morning. The nine men. members of the international peacekeeping force stationed in Lebanon, were the first U.S. troops to die there since the Oct. 23 bumbing that killed 240 Marines. The Marines died during shelling of their base near the Beirut airport and the pilot was shnt down over Lebanon's central mountain region.

Zia may recognise Turkish Cypriot state

ISLAMABAD (R) - President Mohammad Zia UI Haq said Saturday Pakistan was "actively considering" recognising the selfproclaimed Turkish republic of northero Cyprus. He told reporters that Pakistan's sympathics were with Turkey, which is so far the unly country to have recognised the republic proclaimed last month by Turkish Cyprint leader Rauf Denktash.

Reagan: 1,000 ready for suicide attacks

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan told a closed meeting of his supporters up to 1.1000 terrorists, particularly Iranians, were gathered in Lebanon ready to conduct suicide attacks similar to that against U.S. Marines in October, people at the meeting said. Mr. Reagan made the statement when he was speaking to supporters in the Citizens for America Organisation this

Turkey to restrict U.S. use of base

ANKARA (R) - Turkey will stop allowing the U.S. to supply its troups in Lebanun through a U.S. base in Turkey if any of the other three nations in the Beirut peace-keeping force pull nut, a leading Turkish newspaper rep-urted Saturday. The independent daily Milliyct, usually wellinformed, said this was one of a set of conditions laid down in letters between Ankara and Washington on the use of an American base at Incirlik in south-eastern Turkey to ferry supplies to Beirut. Milliyet's report, which was unsourced, said a further condition was that no weapons should be included in supplies from Incirlik to Beirut and that transitting personnel should be limited in number to 50tt per month.

Andropov gets dialysis machine

BONN (R) - A kidney dialysis machine has been installed for Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in a small room next to his Kremlin office, a West German newspaper said Saturday. Quoting Bonn goveroment sources io an article relcased ahead of publication. Sunday, the mass circulation Bild said that despite his return to work. Mr. Andropov was not yet completely healthy.

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Israeli blockade, bombardments delay Tripoli evacuation Arafat stresses importance

of joint moves with Jordan

By a Joudan Times staff writer with Agency dispatches

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has emphasised the importance of joint talks with Jordan on co-ordinated political moves in efforts for Middle East peace and expressed readiness to resume the talks. which were broken off last April.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) , told French Television Friday that the PLO should do all it can to resume the dialogue with Jordan, "which has a positive and important role to play to find a solution to the Palestine problem and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian

Mr. Arafat, who is now besicged by Syrian-backed Palestinian dissidents in the north Following the current crisis we cin for the resumption of the Jardanian-Palestinian talks."

The embattled PLO chairman. intensified bombardments, also expressed appreciation for the King's support for the legitimate anon. leadership of the PLO.

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northern Lebanon as an agg-

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But Mr. Mubarak said the did

not believe the bombardorient of

forces loyal to Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation (PLO) lea-

der Yasser Arafat just outside the

northern Lebanese port of Tripoli

was a blockade in the strict sense

orters after talks with Sudanese

President Jaafar Numeiri.

"We condemn the action... it is.

Mr. Arafai, chairman of the wine stand towards the Palestinian people in their ordeal and during the siege of Tripoli." the Palestinian leader, who has been leading the PLO for the past I 4 years.

> The PLO seeks to establish a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Mr. Arafat told French Tci-

Mr. Arafat's renewed call for Lebanese port city of Tripoli, said: the resumption of talks with Jordan comes at a most critical stage are passing through (the Tripoli in the Palestinian movement. The siege) i will be looking furward to PLO leader has accused Syria of in the Palestinian movement. The meeting His Majesty King Hus- supporting the rebel movement and aiming to control the organisation. Damascus has denied the charges. Last July, it expelled whose aides said Saturday that his Mr. Arafat after the PLO leader plans to evacuate Tripoli were accused the Syrian government of delayed by an Israeli blockade and openly supporting the rebels in openly supporting the rebels in their attacks against positions held by his supporters in north Leb-

Since them Mr. Arafat rea-"I am deeply grateful log King preared in Pripoli in September Hussein for his protherly and gen- and in the face of intensifed rebel positions on Friday that caused

two strongholds in north Lebanon, the Nahr Al Bared and Baddawi refugee camps_and wit-

hdraw to Tripoli. Tha rebels, supported by Syrian weapons and logistic support. have surrounded Tripoll and are demanding that Mr. Arafat leave the port city. Under a joint Syrian-Saudi plan, Mr. Arafat has agreed to evacuate Tripbli.

Greece has agreed to provide vessels in carry Mr. Arafat and his estimated 4.1100 supporters in Tripoli to North Yemen and Tunisia. Earlier this month, the United Nations agreed to allow the ships to fly the U.N. flag which is symbolic of the world body's pro-

On Friday, Israel, whose navy has blockaded the Mediterranean around Tripoli, made a pre-dawn attempt to land its forces at Tripoli but were beaten off by Arafat loyalists after a fierce exchange of artillery and rocket fire.

'Israel delays departure'

On Saturday, Ahmad Abdulrahman, spokesman, for Mr. Arafat, told reporters that Israeligunboats had attacked PLO pesitions overnight for the second day running. "If there is a delay, it is not bee-

ause we want to delay it (the PLO departure)." Mr. Abdulrahman aid." It is the Israeli aggression." israel's pre-dawn attack on PLO

transport for the guerrillas, to seek international guarantees from the United States and other members of the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

He said Israel's aim was to denv the PLO the international legitimacy it would gain if the United States. Britain, France and Italy agreed to provide guarantees for

their safety.

Arafat aides did not offer to escort reporters to the port area. which they said was the target of the second attack Friday night.

Mr. Abdulrahman said the Israeli gunboats, attacked coastal areas north of Tripoli but that no targets inside Tripoli or near Mr. Arafat's headquarters in the city were hit. He said Israeli boats were still cruising off the Tripoli coast in ambush.
Tripoli, Lebanon's second lar-

gest city with a population of 5001 (MN), was mostly quict Sat-urday, although the rattle of machinegun fire could be heard intermittently from some areas.

Security sources reported sporadic exchanges of fire between the rival Palestinian factions in the neighbourhoods of Tabbaneh. Ba'al Mohsen and Qubbeh: They said a number of people were

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Airafat's men demand strong naval Mr. Abdulrahman said it was escert. U.S. tiepes for safe eva-sraci's pre-dawn attack on PLOF quarton; Quarr supports PLO.

pening of Beirut airport, possibly

nerable coastal plain south of Bei-

rut. closed on Nov. 3tl after anti-

government forces in the muu-

ntains sholled Lebanese army pos-

At the presidential palace in the

hill suburb of Baabda, Mr. Gcm-

ayel met 22 members of par-

liament individually and in groups

for a second day of consultations

requested by Prime Minister Sha-

The prime minister wants to

hand over to a government of national unity. He offered his res-

ignation on Sept. 26 but has not

The palace sources said most

members of parliament thought a

national unity government would

be premature. It would be best to

wait until after a second round of

reconciliation talks in Geneva.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elic

ended in get the talks moving

Friday and arrived Saturday in

Riyadh. Syria and Saudi Arabia.

as parties to the original Sept. 25

Mr. Rumsfeld Friday mcl four

of the factional leaders invited to

Geneva and was expected to meet

the Geneva talks as observers.

others Saturday.

Mr. Salem visited Damaseus

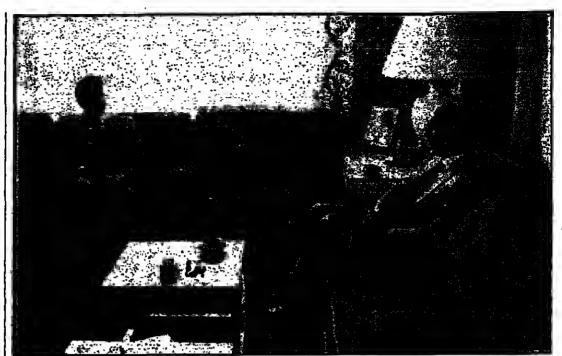
The airport, which lies on a vul-

by next Monday.

itings there.

fiq Al Wazzan.

they said.



His Majesty King Hussein Saturday confers with Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifeh (Petra photo)

Hussein, Hamad discuss Arab issues

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty Arabian Gulf region and ways to news agency.

Sheikh Hamad's meeting with the visiong Bahraini crown prince. Sheikh Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifeh. Sheikh Hamad conveyed to the King greetings from the emir of Bahrain. Sheikh Isa, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Arab relations, the situation in the Arab Nation, according to the

co-operation and bilateral rel-

Sheikh Hamad said his talks with the Kingwere in the course of inter-Arab consultations, par-Petra quoted Sheikh Hamad as ticularly on the situation in the saying that he discussed with King Gulf which calls for an exchange Mussein ways to bolster inter- of views in the best interest of the

King Hussein was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and the Bahrain foreign

Mubarak.

Sheikh Hamad, son of Sheikh Isa, arrived in Amman Friday on a

minister, Sheikh Mohammad Ibn

Hassan opens Arab Thought Forum talks

American-Canadian dialogue.

Hassan said that the "current detcrioration of the situation in the a menace to world peace and sta-

the efforts for peace, has exerted and Jordanian politicians and intall efforts on the Arab and int- ellectuals.

MMAN (J.T.) - His Royal emational levels and has con-Highness Crown Prince Hassan ducted a dialogue with the Palopened at the Royal Cultural Cen-tre Saturday an Arab- (PLO). Prince Hassair said. He also said that the United Sta-

The two-day dialogue will dis- tes has not adopted a firm stand cuss a number of developments as with regard to the Middle East well as economic, cultural and pol-itical issues in the Arab World as Reagan initiative. Israel has rejwell as the situation in Lebanon. ected the Reagan proposal out-In his opening address Prince right and refused to freeze its settlement policy, he pointed out.

The dialogue is organised by the region is due to many political fac- Arab Thought Forum in cntions and the failure to solve the operation with the World Affairs Palestine issue which has become Council offices in Canada and the U.S., as well as similar societies in the United Kingdom, France and Jordan. in its drive to promote Italy. Taking part are several Arab

King meets Mitterrand this week

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein is expected to begin a several-day private visit to Francc Monday.

King Hussein, who is due to arrive in Paris Monday, is expected to hold talks Tuesday with French President Francois Mitterrand

Al Ra'i newspaper Saturday quoted informed diplomatic sourees in Paris as saying the King's talks in France will cuver the possibility of France and its partners in the European Community assuming a bigger mlc in elforts for Middle East peace.

King Hussein will also address the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Thursday. Al Ra'i

Vance raps U.S.-Israel alliance

AMMAN (J.T.) - Former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Saturday denounced the recently announced U.S.-Isracli political-military co-operation agreement "because it will affect Arab-U.S. relations." the Jor-

danian News Agency, Petra, said. Mr. Vance was qunied by Petra as saying that efforts should be made for the resumption of the Middle East peace-making process with special attention to the Palestine issue which is the basic problem in the Middle East. A solution for the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip should be found, Mr. Vance stressed, Petra

Mr. Vance also condemned Israel's settlement policy in the occupicd Arab territories, describing it as an illegal action which creates an obstacle to peace. "The settlements represent a

gradual annexation of Arab land and constitutes a grave danger to the peace process and a defiance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 which is the basis for establishing peace," he said.

Mr. Vance called also for a spe-

edv solution for the Lebanese question, and added: "But our efforts to solve that question should not divert us from the original issue: The Palestine problem to which it is closely connected."

Mr. Vance arrived in Amman Thursday from Israel. He was received by His Majesty King Hus-sein Thursday and Prime Minister Mudar Badran held talks with the former U.S. official on Saturday.

During a speech at the opening of Tel Aviv University's Dayah Centre for Middle East and African studies. Mr. Vance called on Israel to halt the settlement drive in the occupied West Bank as a told a news conference following Chadli Klibi. secretary-general of step towards realising peace. Mr. Shultz's talks with President the Arab League.

Jordan seeks U.N. moves on humanitarian body has submitted to the U.N. General

resolution urging world nations to Asia and Africa, support the work and activities of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Iss-

The draft resolution called on U.N. Sccretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to contact governments which have not yet presented their views on the commission and to contact the commission again for its comprehensive report to be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly's 4llth session.

tu consider establishing a more conflicts.

equitable world economic system based on justice and takes into

The commission is an independent body operating outside the U.N. and is co-chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prince Sadruddin Agha Khan.

notable personalities from around the world holds meetings two to three times a year. Last year, the commission's programmes locused on ways of alleviating the sutlerings of victims of oatural dis-The draft calls on world nations asters, descrification, and armed

Shultz acknowledges Arab criticism of U.S.

State George Shultz said here Saturday that he had had "an earful" of criticism of United States policy in the Middle East during his 211-hour stay in Tunisia. according to officials.

Mr. Shultz, who arrived here Friday night from Brussels, made the remark before leaving for Morocco, in an aside to Tunisian Firreign Minister Beji Caid Esscbsi, officials close to the U.S. delegation said.

During an hour of talk on the Middle East, Mr. Essebsi told Mr. Shultz that the United States must adopt a more "balanced attitude" towards Israel and Arab countries in the Middle East conflict, the Tunisian news agency TAP said.

"We have expressed our fears concerning the new links of cooperation between the United States and Israel." Mr. Essebsi

TUNIS (R) - U.S. Secretary of Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Mohammad Mzali, Mr. Shuliz told the conference

he had heard many critical comments which he said could accur only between friends. The United States would con-

tinue to have strong relations with both its Arab friends and Israel, he added. During talks between Mr.

Shultz and government leaders at the Kasbah Palace, about 20th Tunisians demonstrated nearby chanting shigans in support of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Aratai and against Zionism.

Mr. Arafat is widely expected to return to his headquarters in Tunis once his loyalist Iroops are evacuated from the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli where they are beleaguered. Mr. Shultz also held talks with

of the word. He said Israel might have car-hdrawn when Israel Invaded Lebried out the bombardment under anon last year.

Egypt condemns Israeli

MOSCOW (R) - Israel is the publicised, encouraged and prabutcher of Lebanon and the Unised to the skies," Pravda said.

relations with Tel Aviv are being as a unified force.

DHAKA (R) - Islamic foreign

ministers Saturday bypassed con-

troversies over the split in Pal-

estinian ranks and the Iran-Iraq

war, turning instead to lash out at

a new strategic co-operation agr-

eement between the United States

Officials at a five-day gathering

of the 42-member Organisation of

Islamic Conference (OIC) said the

ministers were putting the fin-

ishing touches to a final statement

that called for the immediate wit-

hdrawal of Israeli troops from

Lebanon and strongly condemned

The two countries agreed dur-

ing a visit to Washington last

month by Israeli Prime Minister

the U.S.-Israeli accord.

"In the White House, they are Washington and Israel "would not no longer ashamed of hugging have dared to act as brazenly as heartily the butchers of Leb-they are doing now" if they had anon. On the contrary, the close known the Arab nations would act

ambassador to Israel.

The newspaper said that "the U.S. is trying to intimidate the Arab peoples with the bogey of anti-Sovietism, while posing as their 'defender' and 'saviour'. The

Prayda underlined Kremlin concern for Arab cohesion, saying

Yitzhak Shamir, to set up a joint

political-military committee to

examine possible joint man-

neuvres and the stockpiling of,

President Reagan said the str-

The officials told Reuters a

accord as "an open and pre-

meditated aggression against the

Middle East region's peoples and

countries, as well as a direct threat

Divisions among the Muslim

states have blocked any res-

olutions that would give a lead in

to world peace and security."

draft resolution denounced the to end the conflict.

engthened bonds were designed to

counter increased "Soviet inv-

olvement" in the Middle East.

U.S. military supplies in Israel.

attack on Arafat's bases CAIRO (R) - Egyptian Pre- the pretext of retaliation for a sident Hosni Mubarak. Saturday bomb blast last Tuesday on a bus condemned Israel's naval action in Jerusalem, in which four people were killed. Rival PLO wings cla-

imed responsibility. "Under the present circumstances. I don't believe the PLO can carry out such an action." Mr. Mubarak said.

Mr. Mubarak has stepped up criticism of Israel recently foilowing the Jewish state's strategic co-operation paet with the United

In an interview published Friday in the semi-official Egyptian daily Al Ahram, he accused Israel of interfering in Egypt's internal affairs by pressing him to return an

The envoy, sent under Egypt's 1979 treaty with Israel. was wit-

Moscow steps up attack en U.S.-Israeli 'collusion'

ted States stands knee-deep in Arab blood, Pravda said Saturday. In an article headed "A Dangerous Turo - U.S.-Israeli Cnl-lusion against the Arab Peoples." the Communist Party daily acc-used the two countries of joint ever, that these saviours are staoperations and of forming an agg- nding knee-deep in Arab blood." ressive axis with the ultimate aim

of annexing Lebanon.

in the southern suburbs, where

security sources said. sident Amin Gemayel met mem-

Airport remains closed

fails to bring peace

BEIRUT (R) - A new ceasefire between the Lebanese army and opposition militias, arranged in Damascus Friday night, was broken Saturday when army positions on the Souk Al Gharb ridge overlooking Beirut came under attack briefly, security sources said.

The level of violence was lower than usual and a second truce was agreed for 12.05 p.m. (1005 GMT).

The mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), the militiawhich faces the army on the mountain front, said Lebanese troops opened fire to cover fortification activities.

The army used howitzens, mortars and direct fire from 23 millimeter anti-aircraft guns for just yet had a reply. under an hour. PSP officials said in a telephone call from the mou-

the army has clashed often with the Shi'ite Muslim militia Amal. there was a short exchange of small arms and grenade fire: the Salem and U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld are The violations occurred as Precurrently on separate tours int-

bers of parliament at the presidential palace for a second day of again. talks on forming a new gov-

ernment, palace sources said.

Many Lebanese had pinned army the PSP and Amal, attended high hopes on the Damascus truce believing that Syria's role in arranging the cease-fire gave it extra weight. Beirut newspapers speculated it would lead to the ren-

Organisation (PLO), conference

Avoiding the thorny issue of

apportioning blame in the three-

year-old Gulf war, conference

delegates said they had agreed

during an all-night sitting only to

refer to the need to continue eff-

orts by an GIC peace committee

Pakistani delegation source said

The draft resolution, expected

a fresh effort by the peace com-

mittee would be made to bring the

two sides closer together.

sources stated.

OIC draft statement assails U.S.-Israel pact inside the Palestine Liberation, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. But Syria blecked a clause effectively recognising Yasser Arafat as PLO leader, the sources added.

> PLO delegation leader Gamal Sourani, at a press conference Saturday accused Syria of trying to dominate the PLO. "Damascus wants to make the PLOrthe organ of the Syrian government." he

The resolution denounced alleged co-operation in nuclear and military fields between Israel and South Africa, called for renewed to be endorsed by the ministers talks between the two halves of later Saturday, repeated OIC rec- Cyprus and urged the withdrawal the Iran-Iraq conflict or the split ognition of the PLO as the sole of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

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Assembly's 38th session a draft consideration human issues in

The commission, comprising 24

Arafat's men in Tripoli request strong French, Greek naval escort

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat preparing to evacuate Tripoli by sea say they have requested extra French and Greek warships to escort them following an Israeli gunboat attack on their positions.

Preparations for the evacuation said. of Mr. Arafat's 4,000 guerrillas are continuing, according to a spokesman for the besieged Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader, but the loyalists fear another Israeli assault before they leave.

They also believe the rare seaborne attack by the Israelis Friday could signal the intention of the Israeli navy to block their dep-

"We have sent a message to the U.N. Security Council on this matier and we have contacted the French and Greek governments about new security measures so that our fighters can leave without any danger." Mr. Arafat's spokesman Ahmed Abdel-Rahman

"We asked them to send more warships, not a symbolic force." he added.

Friday's Israeli naval bombardment just outside Tripoli killed three guerrillas and wounded four. Mr. Arafat told reporters. but added that it caused little material damage.

Mr. Abdel-Rahman said he was sure more warships would now be provided, but could not give a number.

He added that France had already agreed to provide a naval escort and Greece to provide a symbolic" warship.

However, in a move apparently motivated by the Israeli action. Greece Friday night demanded

British multinational force in Beirut before it would honour its earlier pledge to provide ships to transport the Palestinians.

The 5,800-man Multinational Peacekeeping Force is backed by warships from the U.S. sixth fleet and the French and British navies.

There was no immediate indication that the four governments would agree to provide escorts for PLO officials said the Israeli attack was a reprisal for a bomb

that killed four people and wounded 43 in occupied Jerusalem on Tuesday. Both the pro-and anti-Arafat factions have claimed responsibility for that blast. Since the blast, Israel has rep-

eatedly refused to rule out a seaborne attack on the evacuation Mr. Arafat said the Israeli att-

ack was an attempt to land troops near Tripoli. But there was no evidence the Israelis intended more angements."

war... members of Congress will

turn away from this foreign policy

cannot win." said there was a gro-

rican Marines in Beirut, is con-

sidering reducing the number of

men on the ground in the city. def-

times in the past and the United

States hopes the evacuation will

civilian casualties will come to an

Mr. Romberg noted that Sec-

retary of State George Shultz: in

comments to reporters in Bru-

ssels, indicated that the eva-

cuation of Mr. Arafat seemed to

Speaking about the U.S. pilot

now in Syrian hands, Mr. Rom-

berg said the United States was

gratified that representatives of

the International Committee of

the Red Cross (ICRC) had been

able to obtain access to U.S. Navy

"The ICRC informed of their

don't have any details because

Lt. Robert Goodman. He was cap-

was shot down on Dec. 4.

"explicit" security guarantees than a punitive bombardment, or from the U.S., French, Italian and a timely demonstration of Israeli sca power.

> Mr. Arafat's men. trapped m Tripoli since early November by Svrian-backed Palestinians opposed to his leadership, are scheduled to leave within 11 days under a ceasefire agreement drafted by Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Abdel-Rahman has said they could sail as early as next Vednesday for Tunis and North Yemen on chartered Greek vessels flying the United Nations flag as symbolic protection.

Shipping sources in Athens said Friday at least two Greek shipping firms had been accepted in principle to participate in the pullout and three others were awaiting news on their bids.

"Our people will leave when the ships come." Mr. Abdel-Rahman said. "They will take two days to sail here and then we will need another two days for the arr-

Iraq repeats warning against foreign ships

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq warned of a Greek freighter said it had Saturday that its armed forces been hil by a missile but there would sink any foreign ships which were no reports of damage from tried to approach Iranian ports at any other shipowners. the northern end of the Gulf.

The official daily Al-Jumhuriya, in an editorial, said official paper said. "They should lraqi forces would sink "ships that not venture with their ships or ignore the warnings despite their gamble with the lives of their crew identities or whatever flag they hoist."

Iraq said on Thursday its forces had sunk six "enemy naval targets" in what it considers a war zone at the northern end of the strategic waterway.

The Iraqis said on one day last enemy" vessels in the Gulf. Fol-

"Shipowners should not rely on

lrag's patience or pardon," the but respect Iraq's warnings and find new ports for their ships other than Iranian ports and areas other than the war exclusion zone."-

"Let everyone know that any ship that ignores Iraq's warnings will be liable for destruction at any time while sailing in the prohibited month they had sunk seven area and, if it escapes once, it will not escape a second time. No ship lowing that statement, the owners is exempt." Al-Jumhuriya said.

Qatar supports PLO

DOHA (R) - Qatar's Emir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani Saturday reiterated his country's support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and called on rival Palestinian factions to adhere to last month's ceasefire agreement in north Lebauon.

Opening a new session of the advisory council - the 30member appointed parliament -Sheikh Khalifa said: "Qatar stands by the Palestinian people and supports their courageous struggle against the brutal Israeli

He said Qatar backed the Palestinians "in their efforts to regain their legitimate rights under the leadership of the PLO... particularly their right to self-

determination and statehood." He made no mention in his speech, however, of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who is besieged with 4.000 of his men in the north Lebanon port of Tripoli by Syrianbacked Palestinian rebels. The emir said the gravest dan-



ger threatening the Arab World was division and called on Arabs "to prevail over the causes of our discord... and unify our ranks to achieve our objectives, the first of which is finding a just and com-prehensive settlement of the Palestinian problem."

could face execution

'freeze" on the transfer of new states.

Tehran Radio did not say what penalties the eight could face. But Capt. Afzali is charged with the same offences and the prosecutor. armed forces has asked for the death penalty for him.

secret military wing and seven armed forces officers: Col. Rahim Sadeqzadeh, Cnl. Seyyed Mah-Moqaddasi, Col. Abolgasem Afr- the committee was. avi. Col. Khayrollah Iran-Nejad.

The Iranian authorities moved against the Tudeh Party in February, arresting its leaders and putting several of them on television to confess to spying for the Soviet Union. In May, the government outlawed the party and expelled 18 Soviet diplomats.

money." Mr. Cordesman said. A trio of speakers discussed rel-However. Mr. Cordesman said ations between the United States Egypt needs a reasonably modern and the Middle East. Each spemilitary force in the future. Dr. Hanna Batatu, research aker was asked to talk about long-term implications for U.S. professor in Arab studies at Geo-Mideast policy and the foreign rgetown University. looked at the policies of regional states rather structure of many Mideast socthan expressing opinions on curieties and contrasted them with what he called "the foreign policy"

help lessen tensions in the region

and to reduce the burden of an

expensive "arms race." He est-

imated that arms purchases cost

Middle East states \$50,000 mil-

eze on the transfer of new arms."

to Syria and Israel and controls on

arms transfers to Egypt and Jor-

dan to "keep the numbers rea-

A freeze on the employment of

"large scale new systems would

enough and... be a way of saving

Mr. Cordesman felt that a "fre-

8 Iranian communists

U.S. Mideast policy

implications discussed

WASHINGTON (USIA) - and more sophisticated arms to-

Three specialists on the Middle the Middle East was proposed by

East participated during the past Anthony Cordesman, int-

week in the first of a series of dis- emational policy editor of the

eussions to be held over the next armed forces journal Int-

year by the American Enterprise ernational. The "freeze," he said.

Institute (AEI) on developing should be an immediate priority to

ual "public policy week" which sonable" could be acceptable to this year marked the institute's the parties involved.

State Harold Saunders and Judith keep" Israel and Syria "strong.

A comprehensive negotiated of regimes." rather than nation-

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resident scholar and director of

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said that "American foreign pol-

icy must somehow enrich itself in

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His comments came at AEI's ann-

Former Assistant Secretary of

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organised the project.

rged with belonging to the secret vived when other leftist and secmilitary wing of the banned Tudeh ular groups broke with the fol-Communist Party and with aiming to overthrow the Islamic Republic went on trial in Iran Saturday. Tehran Radio said.

The session was the third in a series of hearings against alleged Tuesday with the presentation of the case against former Iranian Navy commander Bahram Afzali.

and Capt. Rahim Shamsi.

All were arrested between April 30 and May 9 this year, the radio said. Neither it nor the afternoon newspapers gave any further details of the court session.

the Islamic revolution which ove-

TEHRAN (R) - Eight men cha- rthrew the shah in 1979. It surlowers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and were eliminated from politics.

But a conflict long seemed likely between the communists, with their open sympathy for the Soviet Tudeh members which began last Union, and the Muslim Fundamentalists, whn want independence from the superpowers.

The morning newspaper Azadegan, which generally reflects radical views, said in an editorial Saturday that the authorities should be cautious in listening to pleas in the revolutionary court of the for forgiveness from the Tudeh members.

In Moscow, the official Soviet -The radio named the eight as daily Prevda printed an Iranian Mohammed Mozzzez, a civiliaa Communist Party statement Satalleged to have headed part of the usday denouncing the trial in Tehran of Tudeh members accused of spying for Moscow.

Pravda said the statement had moud Mofidi. Col. Hassan Aza- been made by Tudeh's central rfar. Col. Mohammed Amin committee but did not say where

The statement said Tudeh considered the trial, which began on Dec. 6. a hideous scheme, illegal and devoid of any juridical force.

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ple were killed and 60 injured when two passenger trains collided Saturday near Oaha, 20 kilometres north of Cairo, police said. There were fears the death tall might rise, they added.

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larines in Beirut'

WASHINGTON (R) - Support kend's U.S. air strikes against Syrfor the deployment of American Marines in Beirut is eroding as casualties mount but moves to withdraw them are unlikely to start this year, several lawmakers have said.

After a private briefing by State and Defence Department officials. Dante Fascell, acting chairman of the House of Representatives' foreign affairs committee, said he did not expect House and Senate leaders to call Congress back into session and would not recommend it.

The briefing for about 40 house memhers was to discuss last wee-

Department deputy spokesman

Alan Romberg said he was not

able to confirm reports that Israeli

forces had shelled Palestinian pos-

Tripoli pullout

ROME (R) - Italy is consulting

its partners in the multi-national

peace-keeping force on how to

guarantee the evacuation of Yas-

ser Arafat's Palestinian fighters

from Tripoli, a Foreign Ministry

Government sources said the

two main unresolved problems

were access to the Lebanese port

The Foreign Ministry spo-

kesman said Italy was consulting

the United States, France and Bri-

rain, its partners in the peace-

keeping force, about a Greek req-

and finding civilian vessels pre-

spokesman said Saturday.

pared to go in.

Italy studies

Mr. Fascell said: "The administration has repeated to us that it doesn't want to go to war with Syria. It has no desire to widen the conflict in any sense."

ian targets in Lebanon.

But several congressmen at the meeting later strongly criticised the deployment of 1,800 U.S. Marines in Beirut, Democrat Sonny Montgomery called it "one of the worst missions ever assigned an American military

Democrat Byron Dorgan said Mr. Reagan's policy in the region "moves us dangerously closer to ence officials said Friday.

U.S. hopes for safe evacuation of PLO;

the PLO from Tripoli will proceed

expeditiously a situation that has

already led to many civilian cas-

nalties." Mr. Romberg said Fri-

The evacuation of Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO)

chairman Yasser Arafat and for-

ces loyal to him is to be carried out

Nations flag. . Mr. Romberg pointed out that

the United States had supported

last weekend's statement by U.N.

Secretary General Javier Perez de

Cuellar, who said the evacuation

would be carried out under the

U.N. flag "on purely hum-

anitarian grounds to facilitate the

resolution of a situation which has

already cost many innocent lives

The deputy spokesman recalled

that U.S. concern over the que-

stion of civilian casualties in Tri-

and created great destruction."

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anese port city of Tripoli.

wing sense of frustration and ero-

We hope that plans to evacuate now proceed and "the infliction of

early next year."

sion of support not only in Congress but also among the American public for keeping the Marines in Lebanon. Meanwhile the U.S. Defence Department, searching for ways to lessen the vulnerability of Ame-

The joint chiefs of staff are weighing a number of possible moves to redeploy Marines from Beirut ariport. which is easily hit by Democrat William Alexander. Druze militiamen. describing Beirut "as a war we

These include moving Marine headquarters to another location away from the factional warring in Beirut or to ships at sea, the officials said. If based on ships. Marine units would be rotated ashore for patrol duties at the airport.

Delence officials said the Mar-

ines were there as a peacekeeping force and, despite concern for their safety, needed to be visible if they were to carry out their mis-

condemns West Bank killing

Ties with Egypt

Mr. Romberg reiterated the Reagan administration's belief in this country or another one." take place." that good relations between Israel and Egypt are important. But he declined comment on reports that Egyptian President Hosni Mubbe the best solution to the pro- arak has suggested in a press interview that he may hold a referendum on the question of whether Egypt's ambassador should return to Israel. The ambassador

aeli invasion of Lebanon in June "Our attitude on the importance of of good Egyptian-Israeli relations is quite well known." Mr. Romberg said. "Where there have been problems tured in Syrian-controlled ter- in the relationship, we have expritory in Lebanon after his navy jet ressed our sincere hope that they could be resolved to their mutual satisfaction as quickly as pos-

was withdrawn following the Isr-

visit." Mr. Romberg said. "But 1 sihle." When one reporter suggested ICRC interviews with prisoners that an Egyptian referendum

would preclude Cairo from ret- itive and potentially significant." urning its ambassador to Israel. Mr. Romberg responded simply by saying he would not "prejudge

Déace negotiations can eventually results of a process going on either He said he was not prepared to get into the specific kind of questions being posed, pointing out: "I have said that we believe that good relations between Israel and Egypt are important." Mr. Romberg hailed as "ext-

remety positive and potentially minent moderate Palestinians who have condemned the Dec. 6 bombing of a Jerusalem city bus that killed four Israelis and injured 43.

The statement which appeared in Al Fajr. an east Jerusalem Arahic daily newspaper with strong ties to the main Fateh faction of the PLO headed by Mr. Arafat. expressed the belief that "attacks on civilian targets are detrimental to any Palestinian-Israeli understanding."

"We view it as extremely pos-

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Mr. Romberg said of the sta-

tement. "We hope it will con-

tribute to an atmosphere in which

Mr. Romberg also said the United States hopes that "the appropriate authorities will conduct a thorough investigation" of a Dec. 8 incident in which an 11-year-old significant" a statement by pro- Palestinian girl was fatally shot in the city of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

The girl reportedly was shot by an unidentified man firing a submachinegun from a passing car. Her sister was seriously wounded.

"We very much regret this tragic event and the context of tension and confrontation surrounding it." Mr. Romberg said. We hope that the appropriate authorities will conduct a thorough investigation of the incident and that both sides will take steps to

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS FILM

""Messieurs Les Ronds De Cuir" at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS Orientalists' paintings, at the Alia Art

"Arabian And African Scenes," a photography exhibition, at the Int-ercontinental Hotel.

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MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760. Jordan Archaeological Moseum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquiti of Jordan. Jabal Al Oal'a [Citadel Hi0]. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Fridays and official holidays 10.110 a.m. 1.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Vational Gallery: Contams a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sen-ipture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of pennings by 19th catury orientalist artists. Muntazzh. Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Martyrs' Memorial [Military Museum]: Collection of military memorabilia dat-ing from the Arab Revolt of 1916, Sports City, Amman, Opening hours 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Tel.

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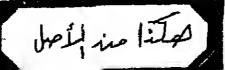
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By Lamis K. Andoni Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The National Consultative Council

(NCC) Financial and Administrative Committee has

called on the government to shift its priorities from

supporting fuel and supply goods to decreasing the

deficit in the JD 776.7 million 1984 draft budget.

vas been presented by the gov-

A report prepared by the NCC

Financial and Administrative

Committee this week, which sun-

norted all of the objectives of the

budget, questioned the feasibility

The draft budget has assigned

an JD 18 million subsidy for fuel

and a JD 12 million subsidy for

The report which will be pre-

sented Sunday to an extraordinary

session of the NCC for discussion.

called for the confinement of the

subsidy to fuels "that are con-

sumed by the lower stratas" and to

the "price of wheat produced loc-

It suggested an amendment in

the rate of the price index of sup-

ply commodities, oil by-products

and the electricity charges in a way

that the treasury will not make a

The resulting difference bet-

ween the estimated subsidies in

the draft budget and the actual

subsidies as suggested by the

committee should be allocated to

development projects or used to

reduce the overall deficit, it said.

of this support.

The 1984 draft budget, which commodity prices, though the

ernment two weeks ago, listed the corned with decreasing the deficit

subsidy of fuel, energy and some and reducing the need for the gov-

basic foodstuffs as one of its major erament to resort to local or int-

NCC finance body seeks

subsidies, deficit reduction

committee report is more con-

ernational borrowing.

The estimated JD 17.7 million

deficit in next year's budget is not

high compared to many other sta-

tes, not is it compared to this

Yet the committee's report poi-

Moreover. Jordan's accu-

mulated deficit now amounts to

about JD 600 million. The com-

millee recommended that the

government work hard to dec-

rease next year's as well as the

To cover the deficit, Jordan has

been forced this year to borrow on

commercial terms. Most of this

borrowing, the report pointed out.

was from foreign sources. Jordan's

foreign debt has risen from JD 5tt7

million in 1981 to JD 602 million

in 1982 to JD 728 million in 1983.

ommended the government to

steer clear of commercial loans for

non-development reasons.

But the committee rec-

nted out that each year the actual

deficit turns out to be much more

than the estimated deficit.

accumulated deficit.

year's JD 33.7 estimated com-

pared deficit.

RSS hosts conference on solar energy uses

AMMAN (J.T.) - A two-day eement was reached that a team seminar on the use of solar energy opened at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Saturday.

The seminar's coordinator. Malek Al Kabariti, said that the seminar was convened in the light of a report issued by Jordanian energy specialists on the exploitation of solar energy for generating electric power by the use of solar ponds.

Following the report, a RSS team was dispatched to the United States to look into the most modern techniques in this field with a view to benefiting from them in Jordan, Mr. Kabariti said. During the team's visit, agr-

from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) would visit Jordan to take part in the current seminar to discuss the Jordanian specialists' report and to expound the U.S. experiment in the field of solar Addressing the opening session

was the director of the RSS' administrative department, Jamal Budur, who spoke about the RSS services and its contribution to developing the scientific. economic, trade and industrial sectors in Jordan and Arab countries as a whole. Mr. Budur also outlined the RSS's programmes and act-

Irbid hospital to receive kidney dialysis machine

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - The Health Ministry plans to install a hemo-dialysis unit for the treatment of kidney patients in the Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid, according to a mmistry spokesman.

The spokesman. Dr. Tawfik Lobani, told the Jordan Times that the ministry has already announced a tender for building an annex at the hospital to house the new unit and its various equ-

its

The equipment has now arrived and the unit is expected to be operational in the coming two months, according to Dr. Lobani. He went on to say that last week a similar unit was opened at AI

Bashir Hospital in Amman. He said kidney patients undergo three to four hour treatment sessions during which their blood impurities removed.

Altogether seven to eight patients can be accommodated in a single session at the Bashir unit. Dr. Lobani added.

Majali opens art show

AMMAN (Petra: - The Uni- hlighting students' work and actversity of Jordan President, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, Saturday opened at the university library a plastic art and Arabic calligraphy exhibition.

The week long exhibition includes 99 exhibits many of which were done by university students. The exhibition is aimed at hig-

By Afifah A. Kaloti

AMMAN - The United Nations

Educational Scientific and Cul-

tural Organisation (UNESCO), in

its 22nd conference which was

concluded on Nov. 26, reaffirmed

its previous recommendations to

protect the Arab cultural ins-

titutions and universities inside

and outside the occupied ter-

ritories as well as to preserve the

Islamic and Arab cultural heritage.

in Jerusalem. This was revealed

Saturday by Minister of Education

At a meeting with the press, Dr. Tal. who was elected unanimously

as president of the conference

which started Oct. 25, said that UNESCO underlined the imp-

ortance of protecting Palestinian

institutions and culture against the

arbitrary measures implemented

He added that the conference

also assured that the cultural her-

itage and the historical character

of Jerusalem should be preserved.

usalem is important for all nations

and humanity, and hence any att-

empts to change its character should be halted," he said.

conference. Dr. Tal said that Jor-

dan, the Arabs, and himself per-

sonally were accorded the honour

of presiding over an international

He added that the high honour

In respect to Jordan's role in the

"The cultural heritage in Jer-

by the Israeli authorities.

Said Al Tal.

ial to the Jordan Times

ivity, encouraging them to dev-elop their artistic skills, and tra-

ining them in Arabic calligraphy. The opening ceremony was attended by the university deputy president for medical affairs. deans of faculty and a number ofuniversity students and emp-

states is "due to our good rep-

utation as having a clear and mod-

erate policy under the leadership

is the first Arab country to hold

the presidency at the UNESCO

"Lebanon held the presidency

and was represented by the late

Hamid Franjieh in 1948 when it

was held in Beirut, it being the

UNESCO tradition to give the

presidency to the host country."

Referring to Crown Prince Hassan's lecture delivered at the con-

ference. Dr. Tal said that it drew -

intellectuals representing their

SCO encompasses five groups

namely the European countries,

the Socialist bloc; Latin America;

the Asian countries. and the

which the presidency rotates bie-

Afro-Arab countries between

Dr. Tal pointed out that UNE-

countries at this world body."

"We take pride in the praise because it came from an elite of

enthusiastic appreciation.

headquarters in Paris.

Dr. Tal pointed out that Jordan.

of His Majesty King Hussein."



Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday opens the Al Rajaa' Rehabilitation Centre for the hearingimpaired at Yajouz near Zarga (Petra photo)

Noor inaugurates centre for deaf

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened at Yajouz near Zarqa Saturday Al Rajaa* Rehabilitation Centre for the Hearing- Impaired.

Addressing the ceremony was Princess Basma, chairperson of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) board of trustees. who welcomed the the Queen and outlined the fund's achievements in social affairs.

This centre is one of many the QAJWF has opened in Jordanian cities and rural regions and the badia to offer basic services to various sectors of the population." Princess Basma said.

In its endeavours to open these centres, the OAJWF has been relying on contributions from the Jordanian public and from Arab countries, Princess Basma said. In particular she expressed her

appreciation to Qatar for its generous contribution that made it possible for the establishment of the new centre. The QAJWF plans to establish several other social centres which

will be operated by charitable societies in Jordan, Princess Basma Princess Basma also expressed

firm on protecting occupied territories

and private institutions which contributed in the establishment of such centres for the handicapped in Jordan.

The president of the Queen Alia Society for the Hearing-Impaired, Dr. Hassan Badran, also spoke at the ceremony underlining the importance of caring for handicapped children.

The society is to operate the new centre, he added. The centre, set up on a nine

dunum piece of land, comprises a school, a medical clinic, a rehabilitation unit and having quarters for 56 handicapped children that are offered training in seven separate classes.

ended by the ministers of edu-

cation, industry and trade and the charge d'affaires of the Qatari embassy along with several Arab and foreign ambassadors and off-

Following the ceremony. OAJWF trustee board member Dr. Zaki Al Ayyoubi said that the project cost JD 207,100.

According to Dr. Ayyoubi, a survey conducted by the QAJWF in 1979 revealed the presence of 5.000 deaf people in Jordan and this figure has now risen to almost 6.000 over the past few years.

Also a QAJWF study on the reasons behind their handicap said that h was primarily hereditary which was mainly due to mar-The opening ceremony was att- riages among blood relatives. Dr.

East German minister arrives

AMMAN (Petra) - East German Foreign Trade Minister Gerthard Beil arrived here Saturday at the head of an economic delegation for a three-day visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the minister will discuss with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and other Jordanian officials ways of her appreciation to various public | promoting cooperation between

East Germany and Jordan in the industrial and economic fields.

The delegation is expected to sign an agreement on bilateral cooperation with Jordan during

The delegation members were met at the airport by Mr. Asfour

might result in higher fuel and main objectives to raise the local day for approval. Arafat stresses importance of joint moves

(Continued from page 1)

A so-called co-ordination committee returned from Damascus Saturday with the draft of a final withdrawal agreement. The committee met with Tripoli's top Muslim poliucian Rashid Karami who is negotiating the withdrawal between Mr. Arafat and rebel lea-

The draft has yet to be approved

Senior aides in Paris

The PLO Paris bureau said Far- Mr. Arafat's departure from Triouk Kaddoumi and Khaled Al poli-Hassan had begun a series of contacts with French officials. It ref-

foreign affairs spokesman, arrived in Paris Friday night from New York. Mr. Hassan, another senior member of Mr. Arafat's Fateh wing, the mainstream PLO organisation, flew in Saturday morning from Riyadh. A French External Relations

Ministry spokesman said Saturday that the attack on the bus in Jeronly that Mr. Kaddoumi and Mr. usalem on Tuesday was a mistake. aides of Mr. Arafal were reported Hassan were in Pans on a private to be consulting French officials to visit and no official contacts had

> French officials refused comment on France's possible role in radio quoted him as saying.

1983 figure of JD 396 million. The report noted with app-

Local revenues in the draft bud-

et were estimated at JD 449 mil-

lion compared to a reestimated

sources of revenues.

rectation the rise in local revenues." But since taxes and fees constitute the bulk of Jordan's local revcnues, the committee observed that the citizen's tax burden in relation to national income is also

Thus, it called on the government not to introduce new or increase present taxes. It suggested instead a broadening of the base of those who are taxed.

In general, the committee's report on the budget is cautious. It disagreed with "the optimism" expressed by Finance Minister Salem Massa'deh ihai "despite the world recession. Jordan would be able to ride the crises".

Jordan, according to the committee, is still facing an economic crises which is reflected in the low revenue being allocated to agriculture, a fall in the profits of industrial projects, a weakening of commercial exchange and the continuing depression of stock prices on the Amman Financial Market.

To activate the Jordanian economy, the committee called on the government "to create a suitable atmosphere to encourage individual investment and to reward

producers. The committee, however, did not introduce any major amendments to the draft budget and recommended to that the NCC

The 1984 draft budget, which approve it as it is. was presented to the council two The draft budget for 1984 will A cut in subsidies, however, weeks ago, stated as one of its be discussed by the council Sun-

Meanwhile in Paris, two senior try to arrange the evacuation of Mr. Arafat and his men from Leb-

used further comment. Mr. Kaddoumi, the PLO's chief

heen planned.

which four Israelis died. 'Attack was a mistake' Mr. Abdulrahman was quoted Saturday by Israel Radio as saying

France has said it_supported a

plan to evacuate Mr. Arafat and

his men aboard Greek ships but

has maintained reserve on its own

offorts since the PLO claimed res-

ponsibility for a bomb attack on a

bus in Jerusalem this week in

The resistance group assis the task of the attack was to have planted a bomb in a military vehicle and not in a civilian bus. th:

Minister of Education Said Al Tal (fourth from the right sits on the platform of the conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO) in his capacity as the pre-

nnially depending on elections and the person elected. Dr. Tal pointed out that Jordan's status in the conference gave an Arab." he added.

it the opportunity to get acquainted with a large number of intellectuals in various fields and

to "discuss related issues and ways of promoting bilateral relations." Referring to the Arab group at the conference, Dr. Tal said that they were very cooperative and

Dr. Tal pointed out that, alt-

political schools discuss issues.

the Arab differences did not sur-

"They were all concerned in its ormation media and economic fie- reflects a biased view of world affsuccess for it was presided over by lds for "UNESCO is discussing now the new economic policy." He said that UNESCO unlike other international political org-

hough UNESCO was established to advance the common welfare of mankind through world-wide scientific, educational and cultural relations, nowadays it has become a platform on which the various It has also entered the inf-

objective manner based on intellectual thoughts. mankind are interrelated and can- been a very successful one for all not be separated from one ano-

ther, for educational scientific and cultural problems are related to politics." he said. Behind the BBC Arabic Service committees handling various matters at the conference discussed peration dominated the atmthe communications as well as inf-

> Dr. Tal pointed out that the advanced countries possess very effective information media which the previous ones.

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airs, while developing countries lack such techniques. Therefore. Dr. Tal said. a new

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making it a success. "Although there were differences in points of views on cer-Regarding media in the world. tain matters, they were all thr-Dr. Tal said that one of the five ashed out so as to meet at a consensus point: the spirit of coo-

> osphere of the conference." Dr. Tal added that all the observers and delegation heads mai-l ntained that the success of the conference had far exceeded that of

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hmicians and administrators. By Afifah A. Kaloti This makes the total of British

given to Jordan by the member face at the conference.

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Arabic Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) now only transmits for nine hours a day instead of 12 because the British parliament, which finances the service, decided to decrease the duration of its transmission, according to the assistant head of the BBC Arab Service. Amin Abdel Hafiz.

Speaking in an interview with the Jordan Times during a recent lour of the region, Mr. Abdel Hafiz pointed out that the external service, which includes the Arabic Service, is not financed by revenue raised by the organisation, as are the rest of the BBC's activities, but is subject to parliamentary con-

However, be west on 10 szy. parliament has no control over the editorial content of the service.

Talking about the Arabic Service, he said that there are 40 Arab employees filling the posts of translators, broadcasters, and producers of certain programmes in addition to journalists, tecand Arab employees in the BBC Arabic Service around 100.

Mr. Abdel Hafiz. in describing the organisation of the service, said that it is divided into six departments, namely audience research, current affairs, music and drama, culture, magazine and features, and the news department. Regarding the news broadcast

io Arabic, he pointed out that the only responsibility of the BBC Arabie news service is to translate the news and choose the news items most suitable for a certaio duration in the news bulletin.

"It | Arabic news service) does not edit the news for there is one commoo news room for the whole external service which handles all the news and distributes it to the

37 different language services."

Mr. Abdel Hafiz has worked in the BBC for 24 years where he has occupied a variety of posts. He is the first Arab 10 reach such a senfor position which he has held since 1978.

The aim of his trip to the region, he said was to acquain himself

with the current situation in the Arab World as "one of the BBC's policies is to keep in touch with senior officials and journalists in the countries 10 which we bro-

Asked if the newly appointed BBC chairman of the board of governors, who is a Jew, has any influence over the news policy. Mr. Abdel Hafiz stressed that the board of governors is not an execuuve body.

"Policy execution is the duty of BBC Director-General Alastair Milue and the board of directors," Explaining the duties of the

board of goveroors, he said that h consists of 12 academics and professional people elected for five years who meet once a month to review issues related to parliament.

"They discussed general mat-

ters, which are not related to daily programmes at all," he said. He added that Mr. Young has no infinence over the policy of the BBC because "II is not within his

competence according to the BBC

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The 1984 budget

ACCORDING to the 1984 budget, which is to be debated by the National Consultative Council (NCC) today, the total expenditure contemplated by the government reached JD 776.7 million (<2.1 billion) which is almost identical to the total expenditure budgeted for 1983. The importance of the public spending in Jordan is further demonstrated by the JD 450 million [\$1.2 billion] which will be spent by other independent public institutions not included in the government budget, which makes the total annual public spending around JD 1,225 million (\$3.3 billion) or 65 per cent of the Gross National

It is this paramount importance of public spending that makes the budget policy so crucial in influencing the Jordanian economy. At one time the Arab financial aid committed to Jordan by seven Arab Countries was \$1.25 billion. However, Libya and Algeria have not paid from the beginning, Iraq suspended payments as of mid-1982 for obvious reasons. In 1983 only Saudi Arabia and Kuwait bonoured their commitments while Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) postponed the payment. The government therefore reduced its estimation for Arab aid in 1984 to only JD 183 million (\$500 million).

In order to cope with this reduction in the sources available to the Treasury, the government reduced its development spending to only one half of the amount called for by the five year economic and social development plan 1981-1985. Recurrent expenditures, on the other hand, were not allowed to increase except by a fraction of one per cent.

The official deficit according to the budget was JD 17.7 million. However, the budget listed the planned external borrowing of JD 106 million and internal borrowing of JD 21 million as revenues. External loans in the second chapter of the budget will be used to finance specific development projects administered by the National Planning Council and the Jordan Valley Authority. These projects will not be implemented unless these soft loans are forthcoming, while the local loans must be added to the deficit to make it in the tune of JD 38 million (\$100 million) or two per cent of the GNP, which is reasonable.

The message conveyed by the new budget is that the Jordanian economy will not undergn a drastic adjustment programme in the near future, and that these necessary adjustments will be adapted over a longer period of time. This will be a happy solution to the present economic slowdown, provided that the balance of payments and the foreign reserves will not be adversely affected.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Unholy pincer movement

THE NEW Israeli crime against the beleaguered Palestinians in Tripoli has entered a new phase with the continuous bombardment of the Palestinian positions by Israeli gun boats. This crime must be seen in the light of a call by Ariel Sharon to liquidate the Palestinians before they have the chance to board the ships to safety. We are now witnessing a pincer movement against the Palestinians: By land carried out by the Syrians and their stooges and by sea conducted by Israeli gunboats. The Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has called on Damascus to lift its blockade on his men in Tripoli and it is hoped the Syrian regime will respond to the call of reason.

All through the long Arab history there has been no record of such a shameful act on the part of the Arabs as to side with the enemy against their brothers. The other Arab countries are called on to support the Tripoli fighters and to help lift both the land and naval blockade on them. The United States must also be expected to do something if it wants to absolve itself from Israel's crimes. It must stop Israel from committing further crimes against the Arabs. Any U.S. condonement of Israel's crimes can mean but one thing, that Washington is deeply involved in these crimes.

Al Dustour: U.N. prestige at stake

THE UNITED Nations will be risking its prestige and its credibility if allows Israel to carry out its threat to destroy the ships carrying the Palestinian fighters away from Tripoli. The U.N. flag will be hoisted on the ships that will carry the Palestinians, but this flag cannot by itself give protection to the Palestinians. Their departure should be carried out under the full protection of different nations including the Arab states and the Arab League which cannot abandon their brothers at this critical moment.

The Arabs, as a whole, should prevent a massacre that is about to happen. The bombardment by Israeli ships of Tripoli's port and Palestinian positions reveals beyond doubt the real intentions of the Israeli enemy. These, actions, coming in the wake of threats by Israeli leaders and voices from within the Zionist state calling for the prevention of Arafat from leaving Tripoli alive, can only escalate tension and place the Arabs face to face with their responsibilities towards their brethren. If History will have to say some shameful and bitter things about the Arabs if the Israelis are allowed to carry out their new crime against the Palestinian fighters as they threaten to do.

Sawt Al Shaab: Arabs assist Israel

IT IS not only that the Arabs are doing nothing to help the Palestinians in their plight or giving them assistance in fighting off any Israeli attacks, but that they are helping their Israeli enemies to complete its blockade around Tripoli and liquidate the Palestinian fighters. The Syrians, who are imposing a blockade on Tripoli by land, are helping the Israelis to do that and are enabling them to violate the sovereignty of an another Arab state-namely Lebanon and to destroy the Arab city of Tripoli. What a disgrace to the Arabs. The Syrians did not lift a finger to help the Palestinians during Israel's invasion of Lebanon and its siege of Beirut, and now they are helping the enemy to kill Arab brothers and destroy the aspirations of the.

For its part. Israel has escalated its attacks on Tripoli and tightened its blockade around the port not only to prevent the Palestinians from leaving safely but also to stop European countries from offering any boat to take them away. Of course Israel does not want to enter into confrontation with Greece or France but nonetheless, the continuous shelling of the port will no doubt prevent the Europeans from making any move. Perhaps the Israelis are trying hard to forestall any interference from the Soviet Union which might send ships and destroyers to the region to rescue the beleaguered Palestinian leader and

COME TO THINK OF IT

The last escape route

Al a recent Palestinian cultural week in London, held under the auspices of the British Council the well-known Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish summed it all up in the following lines:

"The world is becoming too narrow for us We are being squeezed into the last escape route We try to get rid of some of our limbs

That we may get through O how one would rather be the earth's wheat That we may wither away

And come back in spring." Whoever reads these lines must see Tripoli in Lebanon these days as the last physical escape route for the Palestinians and Mr. Yasser Arafat must seem as no ordinary limb which the Israclis are doing their damnest to try and

They reckon, as Ariel Sha-ron said, that if Arafat is all-

owed to escape, the PLO will be revived and will be kicking again in a way that will hurt тоге.

For Arafat is no longer a military threat to Israel but a much larger political one than he ever was.

The situation of course is so full of ironies, paradoxes and contradictions that observers fail at times to see the obvious and distinguish between the heads and Jails of it.

The Syrians and their surrogates who are blockading Arafat and his men by land are supposed to be, according to the Americans, all surrogates of the Soviet Union,

According to recent reports in the U.S. press "President Reagan has determined that the Middle East conflict is as much East-West as an Arab-Israeli confrontation and has committed America, deplomatically and militarily, to an effort to contain attempts by the Soviet Union and its surrogate. Syria, to expand their influence in the region."

According to the same writer. Jordan must choose sides and act now with a mandate from Arafat who is seen apparently as capable of taking a decision on that score in view of all that has happened. The message to Jordan is clear. But consider how clear the message to Arafat is.

Egypt has lately been in touch with Arafat and advised him, at the highest level of authority, that he must announce. while in Tripoli, his intention to come to Amman. This, the Egyptians said, would facilitate his departure from Tripoli and would be taken as a clear signal of his choice of the political option rather than the military

The Europeans would provide him with ships to transport his men and he would get out safely from the Tripoli qua-

As far as one could see. Arafat complied. He gave as much signals as possible. The United Nations provided him with its flag for a safe conduct. The Greeks. French and some other Europeans deelared

themselves ready to cooperate. And here come the Israelis to declare their objections to all that. Arafat, obviously. must be prevented by them to reach the peace table or even give his blessings to such an endeavour; the Israelis think.

One must now ponder the sixty-four million dollar question or questions: Did Israel act against the PLO in Tripoli on its own accord. without any coordination or consultation with its strategic ally. the U.S.? Or did it, as it must, coordinate? What is the purpose then of the Israeli operation against Arafat?

Again, if Arafat is a Soviet surrogate, then Syria must obviously be free of such a description. If they both were Sov-

iet surrogales. then the Syrian-PLO quarrel makes no sense. One may well say that it does not make sense anyway. But what does?

This writer, for one, must strive hard to erase from his mind all the lectures by so many American Middle East experts in Amman during the past year, all the briefings and offthe-record statements to the effect that Syria was no satellite of Moscow, in order to see any sense in the new American att-

itude. One also must wonder whether the real intention of the U.S. and Israel is to push Syria more into the Soviet orbit. making it a surrogate by declaring it to be one.

This may make negotiations in the end between the two super powers easier.

At any rate, the whole game is too silly for words. It is also very dangerous. By trying to win all, the U.S. may well lose all. One must listen to the Egy-

ptian writer and thinker. Mahmoud Amin Al Alem, who was with us in Amman last week, in order to see the true picture.

According to him, the Middle East is not only crucial in its oil wealth and strategic location but also in its historically

decisive human element. While the Palestinians are being squeezed by the U.S. and israel into the last physical escape route, more routes are being opened to them in the

hearts of all men. The gigantic U.S. has become a political and spiritual dwarf by throwing its lot with a mini-Nazi state.

Look at them in the U.N.: How they stand isolated tog-ether in the cold, while the whole world denounces Zio-

We are the wheat of the earth and if we wither now we will probably come back in the

Once upon a time Uncle Sam had second thoughts

By Wolf Blitzer

WHAT EXACTLY did Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens achieve in Washington last week?

That, of course, is the key question in the aftermath of their lengthy talks with President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger and other senior administration officials.

Seen over a spao of 35 years of U.S.-Israeli relations, the most recently enhanced economic, military and political cooperation. between Washington and "Jerusalem' did indeed represent vet another milestone in the real maturing of the relationship.

Thus, when Israeli President Chaim Herzog was in Washington earlier in November, he recalled his four years in the U.S. capital as the Israel embassy's military attache during the early 1950s.

At the time, ne pointed out, ne and to work feverishly to persuade the U.S. Defence Department to permit one Israeli soldier to confe to America to enroll in a military driving course. The Pentagon was very tearful that any military ties with Israel - no matter how modest - would cause problems for the U.S. in the Arab World.

In the end, the Israeli soldier was allowed to learn U.S. techniques in driving a jeep, provided it was all hushed up.

Herzog, in putting the current U.S.-Israeli military relationship into some additional historic perspective, also recalled that the late Moshe Dayan, then a senior 1sraeli Army officer, came to Washington on some official business. It was a great victory for the Israeli Embassy, Herzog said, when the then chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff accepted an invitation to attend a dinner in Davan's honour.

In those days, there were no pretentions of any military partnership with the United States. The Americans simply feared the Arabs would not stand for it.

In those very difficult days, here were no U.S. arms sales to Israel. Although President Harry S. Fruman had rejected the recommendations of the States Depariment and had recognised Isr-. ael, he later accepted another

State Department opinion by including Israel in an arms embargo affecting the entire region.

The arms embargo against Israel remained in effect throughout the 1948-49 War and both terms of the Eisenhower administration. It was not until the Kennedy administration in the early 1960s that the U.S. and Israel concluded their first arms deal — involving an older version of the Hawk anti-aircraft missile system.

Since then, U.S.-Israeli military ties have dramatically improved, especially in the aftermath of the 1967 war, when France imposed an arms embargo on Israel. The U.S. has become Israel's

major weapons supplier. Israel, moreover, is today the largest U.S. military aid recipient.

Thus, in the most recent foreign aid bill, Israel received \$1.7 billion in military aid - half in the form of loans, the rest as outright

Not only has the U.S. provided reserve funding for the levell purchase of U.S. arms, but the Americans have made virtually allof their most advanced conventional weaponry and tec-hnology available to Israel -missiles, radar, armour and art-

Naturally, the Arabs have carefully monitored this developing. but still unwritten military alliance between the U.S. and Israel. Publicly, they profess their opposition. but privately they have come to accept it as a basic fact of life.

This was made clear by a senior .S. official who briefed reporters at the White House following the second Reagan-Shamir meeting: I don't expect it to be the source of any great problems," he said.

The U.S. official was referring to the latest U.S.-Israeli steps to improve their strategic ties. Most specifically, the two countries announced the creation of a joint political military committee which will coordinate future policy in all sorts of areas, including Lebanon.

The committee, slated to convene for the first time during the first week of January, will also consider, in Reagan's words. combined planning, joint exercises, and requirements for prepositioning of U.S. equipment in Israel."

The president and other U.S. to get the job done.

hnology available to Israel - "This group," said Reagan, ref-meaning the best fighter aircraft. erring to the newly formed political/military committee, when he met with The Jerusalem posed by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East."

The emphasis attached by Shamir was pointedly different: "The aim of this cooperation is to strengthen Israel and deler threats lo the region," he said, without directly referring to the Soviet Union.

Two years ago. the U.S. and Israel signed a memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation which also held out the promise of more intimate ties. The Arabs quickly expressed their deep concern. But the agreement was suspended by the administration a month later when Israel extended its law to the Golan Heights, effectively annexing the lerritory.

Since then, Weinberger and other U.S. officials have expressed a readiness to revive it, but the new Israeli leadership of Shamir and Arens has resisted those proposals. They are not all that anxious for formal documents. What they want are practical measures

were designed to protect U.S. rec-

ope that recent Israeli-U.S. mil-

But Britain's former Labour

that this greater cooperation with will soon become apparent whe Israel was designed to address the office all of the talk observed the state of Israel and the cooperation with the sound of the talk observed the state of Israel and the cooperation of the coope meat attached to the bones.

Shamir himself recognised this will give priority attention to the Post on Wednesday to assess the Washington Hilton suite, he, in his own low-key style, was elearly upbeat - but not overly so - in looking down the road of American-Israeli ties. He was relaxed and confident in his tone and

> appearance. For one thing, he was impressed by Reagan personally: "I felt a very friendly attitude, particularly towards Israel, but also on a personal level." Shamir said Reagan was warm and very friendly not only in the formal prepared statements which the president read during the course of the visit, but

also in their private exchanges. "He knows the problems in the region. He received a lot of information from people who talked with us during the visit. He is very firm in his decision to cooperate with us, to go along with us."

Asked why Reagan reached this conclusion, Shamir replied that the president simply decided that this course of action best serves U.S. interests in the region.

But it also goes beyond that, added Shamir. Reagan, he said, "He believes that the Israelis

and the Americans have common interests today in the Middle East. that it is necessary to block aggn that could anced American-Israeli policy aimed at achieving peace and stability from being implemented." Shamir said he had not spe-

cifically invited Reagan to visit israel. "We didn't discuss it," he said. "I simply don't know his schedule. Perhaps in time."

The visit did produce, he said, an important step forward: There is no doubt that this is an important step forward, since, as you noted, we did not put the emphasis on documents. We put the emphasis on concrete things. Of course, the things we decided will be put to the test of reality, but we shall see the results in a very

short time." He said, for example, that by January, during the first meeting of the joint political/military committee, much of this will become very evident - whether or not there is going to be a real cha-

nge in the strategic relationship. By that time, the U.S.-Israeli negotiations for the creation of a free trade area should also be The writer is the Washington cor-

committee will have to decide: "But there's no doubt that they will take place soon."

Regarding foreign aid, he said istance for Israel in the next budget was still being considered even while we spoke.

But the Israeli prime minister, during the interview, did not try to sweep U.S.-Israeli differences under the carpet. He acknowledged that there were still problems, some longstanding: There are differences of out-

look," he said. 'They didn't conceal that in the uestion of the settlement... the Reagan Plan., the attitude to selling arms to Arab countries they term 'moderate.'

"They didn't try to hide these differences of opinion. Nor did we ignore them. But, as usual, il was decided to cooperate in some of the areas we do agree on, acceptable to both countries. And these things are many and important."

Certainly, Lebanon was the most immediate problem since it requires solutions, said Shamir.

underway, he said. "We will do respondent of The Jerusalem Post.

U.S. attacks in Lebanon worry partners

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the Lebanese crisis.

By Arik Bachar

LONDON - The future of the four-nation "Peacekeeping" Force in Beirut is coming under renewed debute as controversy mounts over U.S. actions against Ѕугіа.

The recent U.S. air raids on Syrian positions in Lebanon, in which two American planes were shot lown, and the death of eight Marnes in retaliatory action have provoked demands in Britain for the withdrawal of its small contingent from Beirut.

And Italian Prime Minister Betino Craxi has voiced concernabout the situation which, he said. made his country's 2,0011 troops in Lebanon "more exposed".

The 5,3(H)-strong force, sent to Beirut last year to help the government of President Amin Gemavel regain control of the country. has come under increasing attack.

in recent months. Fears have been expressed that the U.S., with 1.200 Marines in Beirut and a massive naval force off the coast, might adopt a more aggressive policy towards Syria. regarded by Washington as a major obstacle to its settlement of 2,000 men to the force, has made

the Lebanese crisis.

The British government, with a IIKI-man contingent, was recently criticised by members of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's own Conservative Party in a parliamentary debate which und-erlined concern that Britain, Italy and France were losing control over events engulfing the force.

One Conservative member, Robert Adley, said: "Many of us fear that our contingent is being used to add a cloak of respectability to an American policy which many of us regard as dangerous and stupid."

Western diplomats believe the itary agreements could signal force faces slim prospects of suecess in trying to stabilise the sit-

Mr. Craxi, attending a Eurtime, we are the ones who are mil-

A London-based military analyst said a decision by any European participant to withdraw from Beirut could signal the end of the force.

opean Community summit in Athens, said: "In a situation that is becoming more militarised all the countries.

agreed last week to increase "security cooperation" between their Both governments insisted that itarily more exposed." subsequent air raids on hostile positions in Lebanon had not been coordinated.

Defence Secretary Denis Healey, France, which has contributed

no comment on the latest Amewith Israel against Syria and its

main ally, the Soviet Union. During the debate in Britain. The dilemma facing gov-Foreign Office Minister Malcolm ernments contributing troops tn Rifkind insisted British troops the "peacekeeping operation" has would stay as long as their pregrown in recent months over a nigh casualty toll accompanied by But he said Britain would not lack of any tangible success. Wes-

support any role for the Multern diplomats say. tinational Force "other than pea-The troops have just been sitling in vulnerable positions, unable to do much about the violence Despite assurances by Wasencircling them." one diplomat hington that last Sunday's air raids

The most serious blow was infonnaissance flights, fears have licted on the force in October been expressed in Western Eurwhen the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut were bombed in two suicide attacks, killing neamore aggressive efforts to resolve rly 3ttll men.

The four participants then ren-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak ewed their pledge to carry on with Shamir and President Reagan their task. But a military analyst who has been following developments closely said tougher U.S. tactics could lead to a quick disintegration of the force.

"The one development which could offer Washington a good excuse to leave without losing face is a decision by its European allies to remove their forces from Beileading calls for a withdrawal of rut, which could well happen anlthe British contingent, accused the ess things take a turn for the bet-U.S. of forming a military axis ter," he said.

U.S. pacifists to elect pro-freeze candidates

By Carol Giacomo Reuter

WASHINGTON - The American Nuclear Freeze Movement has rejected disruptive protest as a way to further its stalled crusade

against the arms race.

Despite frustrations and fears of activists now that U.S.-Soviel talks in Geneva on medium-range missiles in Europe have collapsed. the movement remains wedded to achieving its goals through the balioi-box.

At its annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri, last week, the national nuclear freeze campaign embraced a new strategy for 1984 focusing on electing pro-freeze candidates to public office and pressing Congress to cut funds for nuclear weapons testing and dep-

lovment. Eighty per cent of Americans want a freeze, but the government has not responded, said prominent democracy."

The conference also endorsed the idea of "freeze Fridays" when anise public events to proclaim Mr. Caldicott.

support for their cause. The nearly 600 delegates quickly overrode a proposal that the

work stoppages. "We can't wait for years for Congress to enact a freeze." one delegate pleaded. But freeze activist Bob Smith, a

action plan should include non-

violent civil disobedience and

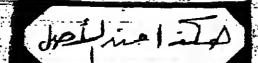
train driver, said many delegates feared such tactics would be considered too radical and would jeopardise popular support. The three-day conference took

place against a background of U.S. bombings of Syrian targets in Lebanon and the start of NATO deployment of Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe. Moscow responded to the den-

loyments by walking out of the Geneva talks on Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF).

These events had the effect of intensifying a foreboding that nuclear war was becoming more likely freeze activist Helen Caldicott, and reminding delegates that if adding: "We will take back this they had any power to defuse the nuclear threat, action was needed

"The whole world is watching local anti-nuclear groups will org- America now and trembling," said



tamely lot, we asked him, shu-dderring at the thought of our sec-retary who would throw tantrums.

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if someone asks him to take a copy

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oted to his newspaper reading and our driver whose voice would

drown a thunder (when the boss is

ghtest question of the app-

things the way they are netted out

to you." our visitor contended, taking a deep pull at the tea. If we

do accept what is happening to us that is because there is no alt-

"That is not the way I grew up."

our visitor said. "I bave learnt that

if you want something you fight for it." You cannot always fight

the reply, "now you are making some sense. You cannot fight with

everyone, but you have to, if you

'By the way, is your 'phone working?" our visitor suddenly

remembered something. We nod-

ded. "May I use it?" he pulled the

phone towards him without wai-

ting for a reply and started dia-

lling. It was some time before he

said in a triumphant voice, "Hello,

exchange?" He brightened. "May

"An eighth wonder," he whi-

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not around of course) at the sli-

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ernative, we told him.

NOTEBOOK 'Inad Khairallah∐

EDITOR'S NOTE: Having tried almost every trade in the world and faced miserable failures, the writer is turning his hands, which, incidentally were used to make bricks at one stage, to columnising. He: used to make a living as door-to-door salesman, bartender, driver to a British royalty, petrol-station attendant, butler, supermarket cashier, shoe-shiner, bellboy at a five-star hotel, kitchen-cleaner in one of the downtown Amman restaurants, nursing orderly, security guard, tourist guide, dog trainer, private investigator, typist, telephone operator, secretary, and executive manager of an international company, among other professions at various stages of his erstwhile life. The twist occurred when he wandered into the offices of the Jordan Times one day to put an advertiseent offering his services as a "computer mechanic" and tried to gyp the advertisement manager out of the required charges. He has agreed to write a fortnightly column for the Jordan. Times until he leaves the country "to take up the job of a senior professor" at one of the famous universities in the U.S. The subjects which he will be writing about are very much related to daily happenings in Amman, and hence the name of the column. From taxi rides, about which he wrote an article a fortnight ago, and obtaining a driving licence to telephone services, and wasting office time are subjects 'Inad Khairalish intends to write about and hopes to be entertaining and useful. Please join us in wishing him luck, continuity and perhaps happiness.

The other day a visitor came to our asked the visitor if he would sit office, visibly seething and furning at something be could not bear. He demanded to see the boss, who, most unfortunately, was not around. We told the visitor so and this seemed to infuriate him more for he glared at us as if we were the culprits for all his woes and he would not like to waste the first opportunity to manhandle us.

down and relax. "Relax, my foot," he said lowering his hulk into the most comfortable-looking chair around, "Don't you know that no one in his right mind can ever relax I speak with Mr. ...please. Thank in this part of the world?"

We said no, we did not know. You seem to be a tamely lot, "be commented, accepting our offer of a cup of tea and squinting at us. Since courtesy demanded we What made him think we were a A nice way of wasting precious office time

"This morning again I found my phone ont of order, as it was for the past week," our visitor seemed to set himself for a long narration, the way he pressed the earpiece to his ear and commued to cover the mouthpiece. "Every day of the week I called them, twice in the morning and twice in the evening from my house and whoever answered promised me to fix it in a matter of hours every nime."

"So, this morning I really went mad and wanted to tear the instrument into pieces," he continued, glaring at our 'phone and for a moment we thought he might carry ont the threat in our office. Apparently, he thought the better of it. "I went over to my neighbours to use their phone to let the exchange people have an ear-ful. But as usual, their boss was out, who had locked the 'phone and took the key with him on his way out. So, I could not take adv-

ture of good neighbourliness. The only thing soft about this lady at the exchange seems to be her voice," our visitor commented on the long delay for Mr.... to come on the line. "I bet she has forgotten all about me hanging on

antage of the most gracious ges-

Why doesn't he hand up and try the other number of the exchange, we asked. "No. I dare not," our visitor shook his head. "It has taken me all this morning just to get an answer and now if I let go, it would be hours before I can get someone on the line."

"So, I went down all four bloody floors," he came back to his narration, and it took us some

"I 'phoned the exchange from the restaurant downstairs. Most strangely, every time, either there was no answer or an engaged

Do not call the telephone exchange, just go there

"I could not do it for long because the restaurant owner seemed to resent my using his 'phone. so I was back to square one. But by then, I had made up my mind."

Suddenly his face brightened as the 'phone in his hand crackled at the other end. "Hello, please brother, I am on this line for the past half-hour waiting for Mr. ... is he around? ... Okay".

Our visitor seemed to suffer a stroke. "You see, he told us. just as I said, the lady has done a disappearing act, and now I had to repeat my request to a new voice."

The whole day is ruined." he lamented. "When I left my office. making up my mind to drive over the exchange and let them have it. I did not think it would be so disastrous." No reason to feel so low just because of an out-of-order telephone, we tried to console

"That is not the only thing." came the reply. "You see when you start a day bad, everything goes bad.

There I was at the carpark near my office - not exactly near, you see - to retrieve my car to drive over to the exchange, only to find someone has spirited away one of my beautiful new hubcaps - 16 dinars is what I paid for the set of

"I cursed the whole generation of the culprit, and controlling myself started my laborious way to the exchange. Of course you know

in an urgency. No policemen aromseives.' and in the dense traffic and when you get out of the quagmire and speed to make up for the lost time, you end up paying 5 dinars

"Hello." the phone crackled again. "Mr....?Not there? Do you know when he will be back? ...Oh... OK. Just tell him I called ... Never mind my name." he banged the 'phone down.

"I do not know what is wrong." he turned to us. "In this country. wherever you go, or call by phone no-one seems to be in. How husness survives here is a wonder." "Well. I should get going. When

do you think your boss will be back?" he made motions of getting up and the 'phone rang. One of us picked up the phone. "Hello ... whom do you want please ... whom do you want? what nimber did you dail? ... Tell ME whom do you want." ... No it is not pharmacy ... Don't you know that numbers starting with 41 have been changed? ... No. I do not know the new number of the pharmacy and I couldn't care less.... Bye."

Our visitor, who was following our end of the conversation very interestedly, said suddenly: "I bet he asked who you were first, instead of asking whether this the right number." He shook his head. "That is so irritaning, you know. The phone rings, you pick it up and suddenly a bawling voice asks Who?'. That is nonsense. People should realise that once they dial a number, it is the caller's duty to verify whether it is the right num-

Amman drivers, they never allow ask the answering party to identify can not accept any money any you to reach somewhere if you are himself without doing so first themore. Come back tomorrow mor-

We could not agree with him more. We also do not take kindly towards people who call up and ask us who we were, we told him. Our visitor looked at us with a new respect. "In that case I would like to tell you somthing more." he said, firming up his position in the chair. "You see, this morning as I told you. I was driving to the exchange in the vague hope of finding someone whom I know working there and using a bit of my wasta to fix my phone. On my way, I thought, since I am out of the off-

license. "So I drove over to the ministry. Fortunately, I had my "Bara'at thimma" tincome tax clearance certificate). I filled all the forms. got all necessary signatures and to my relief I found I had another 15 minutes to spare before the cashier closes his window at 11.30."

ice I might as well get an import

Why the cashier, we inquired. "To pay the license fee of course," he emphasised. "It is not every day that you go over to the ministry. So, since I was there might as well finish the process, I thought."

"So I went up humming under my breath only to find a small crowd arguing with an invisible presumably the cahsier's - voice from behind a wooden trap door.

Why, it is only 11.20," one guy was saying holding up his wrist and pointing to his watch. "No way." came the answer from behind the trapdoor. "my watch says it is 11.35. Won't you guys ever realise this is a government department? ber or not. And it is very rude to I am supposed to follow rules. I

ning."
We all ehecked our watches and there was no possibility that it was even 11.25, leave alone 11.35. So we shouted back and pleaded. "I am coming from a place 45 kilometres from Amman. How can I do it everyday?' one

man was saying. No matter we tried there was no more answer. "Well, this got me going again," our visitor reflected. "One guy wants to cut down his work by 15

minutes and a dozen others suffering for it?" 'So, I went down, looking for the official in charge. I wanted to put my foot down and tell him his cashier follows his own timing system, and something better be done about it before I go to the minister himself with the com-

plaint." Our visitor winked. "It is

ozly a ploy, you know. From

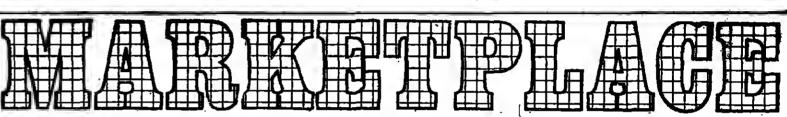
where do I know the minister? But how does the official know you We were all ears now for the visitor. So we said, sometimes we too pull tricks like that, but what happened with him. His face clouded again. "The official in charge was also out of his office and nobody knew where be was," he pulled a paper tissue and wiped his

forehead. "Now you know, why I

said, when I call up by phone or in

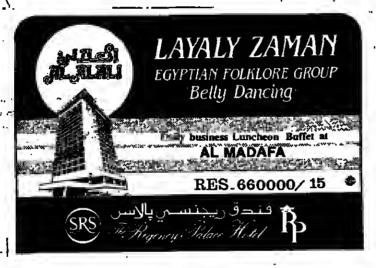
person, no one is in. At this point our teaboy, who was a silent listener to all of our visitor's story, chirped in: "You have been sitting here for some time now. What do you think your secretary would be telling visitors to your office?"



















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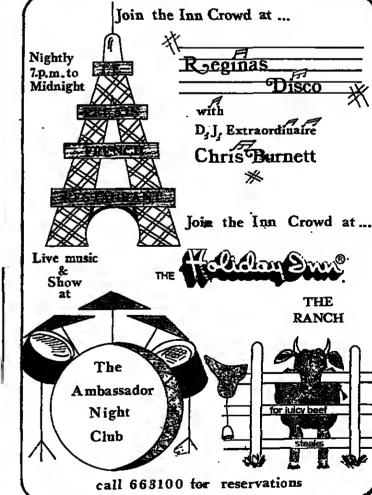
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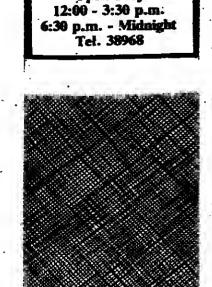






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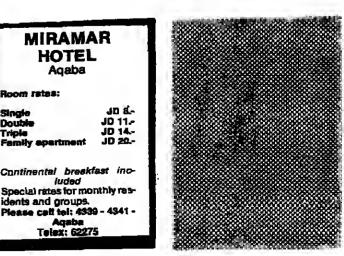




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and go after it," she added.

in the 1983 French Open.

ying not to lose."

playing much as she had when she

lost to American Kathy Horvath

play and I was mad that I was in

"I was just trying not to lose — I

have done that before and just

barely squeezed the matches and I

lost to Horvath because I was pla-

After a nervous first set, ninth-

seeded Jordan looked more det-

ermined and relaxed in the sec-

ond, going into a surprise 3-1 lead

after breaking serve in the third

"I have a way of making it tig-

hter than it needs to be." Nav-

ratilova said. "Had it been a third

set then it would have been gut-

wrenching. At 3-1 in the second

set I was saying to myself "I had

better break early before it is too

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Navratilova, champion here in

that situation. I was tentative.

I was just keeping the ball in

MELBOURNE (R) — World number one Martina Navratilova, who captured her second Australian Tennis Open title here on Saturday, moved one step closer to the 'Grand Slam' with the nagging fear of defeat uppermost in her mind.

The Czechoslovak-born American admitted after her 6-2. 7-6 victory over compatriot Kathy Jordan in the 77-minute women's final that she had played tentatively. "I was just trying not to

Her unaccustomed hesitancy was evident as Jordan. 24, staged a second-set fightback and saved six match points before surrendering the match in the ticbreaker.

Only the French Open title now stands between Navratilova, who already has Wimbledon and the U.S. Open under her belt, and the million-dollar bonus of the rare 'Grand Slam' triumph.

Chinks in the 27-year-old lefthander's armour had showed earlier in the tournament when she lost a set for the first time in four months to Britain's Jo Durie in their quarter-final.

She said her record this year of only one defeat in 87 matches had proved a problem on Saturday. with the prospect of a second loss to round off the year always in her

"I thought I'd come so close I don't want to blow it now." she

Navraillova gave some of the credit for her win to the calming influence of her close friend Nancy Lieberman who flew out from the United States earlier this

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patriot Chris Lloyd last year, must win her next two tournaments in Washington and Oakland, California, to break Lloyd's IUyear-old record of 56 straight

Jordan, also runner-up to Durie in the New South Wales Open two "She knows me really well emoweeks ago, said later all the players got "psyched out" by how much was written about Navtionally and was able to say just the right things to make me relax and go after it. and she really helratilova's talents. pcd me during the match." she

"I think she is human like the rest of us and makes quite a few "But I just didn't go out there mistakes, but after all you hear about her you don't expect any mistakes and you put more pre-Although she stormed through the first set in just 27 minutes. ssure on yourself to play well." she Navratilova conceded she was

1981 but losing finalist to com-

"But I don't think she has any glaring weaknesses or anything and you have to play really well to beat her. She is a great player." she added.

Meanwhile. Australia's Davis Cup hopes, flagging after Swede Mats Wilander beat John McEnroe to reach Sunday's men's final against Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl. received a boost on Saturday. >

Jordan to develop policy for youth, sports

By Salameh Ne'matt Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan will be participating in the activities of the International Year for Youth. The United Nations have declared 1985 as the International Year for Youth, Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar, Minister of Culture and Youth said Saturday in an interview with the Jordan

The Jordan National Committee for the International Year of Youth has been already formed with Mr. Abu Nowar as president. Mr. Peter Salah, Under-Secretary Ministry of Information, Dr. Mahmoud Mamser representative for the University of Jordan and the Forum Humanum, Dr. Ahmad Sarah representing the Ministry of Health, Mr. Tayseer Arafah from the Ministry of Education, Dr. Ali Mahafthah President of Mo'tah University Dr. Abdullah Muwafi from the Yarmonk University, Mr. Mohammad Abu Tayyeb Director Youth Welfare Organisation and Mr. Akram Masarweh as Secretary-General of the committee.

Mr. Abu Nowar said that the committee will start its meetings and workshops early next year to study programmes and to survey the assets and capabilities of youth in Jordan. The committee, he said, will be working to develop a Jordanian policy for youth and sports in the

The Jordan National Olympic Committee (NOC) board of directors chaired by Mr. Abu Nowar will also meet Sunday at the Hussein Sports City to discuss Jordan's participation in the 23rd Los Angeles Olympics next year. Attending the meeting will be members of the board and presidents of the various sports federations in Jordan.

The general secretariat of the NOC gave information on the estimated costs of Jordan's participation in the Los Angeles games amounting to JD 80,000 for the 50 Jordanian delegations

The committee said that the costs can be reduced by JD 58,000 if the number of the delegation was reduced to 30 members.

Dev rescues India after winning toss

his side's rescue after he won the loss and chose to bat at the start of the fifth cricket test against the West Indies here on Saturday.

Malcolm Marshall removed Sunil Gavaskar with the very first ball of the match and in mid afternoon, India were 63 for six, But Kapil Dev. with a spirited but slightly fortunate 69, led a revival

captain Kapil Dev had to come to at the close. Roger Binny (44) and Sved Kirmani (42 not out) helped their captain in restoring india's

> at five and 48. First Viv Richards put him down at second slip off Winston Davis and then Marshall fumbled a chance at mid-off off Michael Holding. Marshall was in devastaring without scoring.

form at the start of the Indian innings, taking his three wickets in an opening nine-over spell. Holding also turned in a magnificent performance on a slow pitch and both pacemen fitished the day with three for 59 runs.

Spode

Marshall's early burst reduced was caught behind from a ball that

CALCUTTA. India (R) - India's that saw India peach 231 for eight lifted and brushed his glove and the other opener. Anshuman Gaekwad, was yorked. Mohinder Amarnath, returning to the side after missing the third and fourth Kapil Dev was dropped twice. tests, was a little unlucky being caught and bowled off a ball which stopped.

It was the third time in consecutive innings in this series that Amarnath has been dismissed

Dilip Vengasarkar and Ashok Malhotra held up the West Indians for 50 minutes while they put on 28 for the fourth wicket. Vengsarkar batted confidently for 23.

After lunch India lost two wickets with the score at 63. Ravi Shastri was yorked by Holding India to 13 for three. Gavaskar and Malhotra, aiming to work a ball from Davis on the leg side. was caught at cover off a leading

1) Beginners.

Coventry rips apart Liverpool

LONDON (R) - Unfashionable back after two matches to boost first division hat-tricks on Sat-Conventry, rebuilt during the close season by a little-known manager with a crop of lower-division rejects, ripped apart league leaders Liverpool 4-0 on Saturday to extend one of English soccer's more unlikely records.

The champions, seeking their 15th league crown have not won at Coventry for 11 years — and failed to score in nine of those visits.

The result eased Coventry into fourth place in the table, and sliced Liverpool's lead from four points to one.

West Ham, 3-1 winners over

lpswich, stay locked together on 33 points behind the champions. Coventry's unlikely hero was

Terry Gibson, who nerted a hattrick. The former Tottenham striker, one of nine players to join Coventry in the close season. struck in the 19th, 45th and 84th minutes after his side had raced into a 3-0 halftime lead.

Earlier. Micky Platnauer stunned the champions when he swooped to head Coventry in front after just 45 seconds following a mistake by Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar. After that Coventry did not look back.

their attack, had no answer to the

all-out assault. They almost ste-Liverpool, unbeaten since October 1 and wth Kenny Dalglish mmed the flow of goals after the interval but Irish international Mark Lawrenson. England's Phil Neal and captain Graham Souness were all booked.

There was no relief for muchtroubled Arsenal, who suffered their fourth successive defeat.

Arsenal had John Kay sent off along with West Ham's David Swindlehurst for fighting in the 35th minute — just two minutes London neighbours Arsenal, and Manchester United. 2-U victors at Brooking put West Ham in front with a diving header.

Arsenal defender Chris Whyte added to his side's misery when he put through his own goal to make it 2-0 in the 70th minute. Goeff Pike netted the third two minutes from time before Whyte made some amends for his earlier error when he grabbed a consolation goal in the dying seconds.

Manchester United kept pace

with the leaders thanks to goals by winger Arthur Graham and Tottenham's on-loan striker Garth Crooks, his first for the club. Leicester's Alan Smith and

urday. Smith grabbed his three goals in a 20-minute first-half spell as struggling Leicester crushed bottom-placed Wolverhampton 5-1. Gary Lineker and Steve Lynex completed Leicester's

Walsh completed his hat-trick with a last minute goal to seal Luton's 4-2 win at lowly Stoke. who sacked manager Richie Barker on Friday. Walsh opened the scoring after 20 minutes and added a second seven minutes later before Ray Daniel hit the third. Former Swansea striker James replied twice for Stoke. .

Watford's George Reilly was ordered off during a 3-2 triumph over UEFA Cup quarter-finalists Nottingham Forest.

Reilly, who shot Watford 2-1 ahead in the 34th minute, was dismissed 22 minutes into the second half for a crunching tackle on Forest's Chris Fairclough.

Earlier, newpsigning Maurice Johnston. Watford's hat-trick hero last week. shot his side ahead after just 5 minutes before Gary Birtles equalised. Nigel Callaghan scored Watford's third before the break, with Birtles snatching For-Luton's Paul Walsh also scored est's second in the 49th minute.

Hamburg set their sights on World Championship glory

FOKYO (R) — West Germany's year, they were uncremoniously Soccer Champions in May, have a Dinamo Bucharest of Romania in golden opportunity to restore the second round. their tarnished reputation when they tackle Gremio of Brazil for the World Club Championship in Fokyo on Sunday.

Hamburg scaled unexpected heights when, inspired by a wonderful goal from former West German international Felix Magath, they beat Juventus in last season's European Cup final in Ath-

But their reign was brief and far from distinguished. Having been awarded a first round bye this

Hamburg, crowned European dumped out of the competition by

-- The title of World Champions would go a long way to erasing the memory of that embarrassment but the West Germans know history is firmly on the side of the Brazilians.

South America leads 13-X overall and it is seven years since Europe's last success when Hamburg's fellow-West Germans Bayem Munich beat Cruzeiro of Brazil 2-II over two legs.
That was West Germany's only

previous triumph but Gremio will out to take the trophy back to Brazil for a fourth time, following. Pele's unforgettable Santos (1962 and 1963) and Zico's Flamengo

.. Gremio earned their tilt at the World Championship by beating. Hamburg look to for goals and if last year's winners Penarol of Gremio can put the shackles on Uruguay 3-2 on aggregate, and. although they are not one of Brazil's glamour clubs, they did not make the long flight to Japan just to do some sightseeing.

China, Osvoldo and Paulo Cesar. equipped to adapt to the con-Lima provide the ammunition for ditions.

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twin-strikers Renato and Tar-

The Brazilians have made no secret of the fact that Magath is the man they fear most, but they will not have to face attacking ful-Iback Manni Kaltz or winger Juergen Milewski, both of whom will miss the game through injury. With Horst Hrubesch now pla-

ying in Belgium with Standard Liege, there is a strange look about Hamburg and their confidence plunged further last weekend when they suffered an unexpected reverse in the Bundesliga.

A 2-U defeat by Stuttgart brought an end to Hamburg's twoand-a-half-year unbeaten home record and emphasised the European Champions' shortcomings in front of goal.

Dieter Schatsehneider and

Thomas von Heesen are the men them Hamburg may struggle. The match, which is the fourth

to be staged in Tokyo, will be televised or video-taped in 61 nat-

Uruguayan captain Hugo de Leon is an inspirational figure in defence while talented midfielders

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Sanctions cost Poland \$10.5b, institute says

WARSAW (R) - Sauctions imposed on Poland by the West in retaliation for the imposition of martial law 2 years ego have cost the country \$10.5 hillion, aggravating the country's economic scisis, the National Economic Institute said Friday:

The figure on the extent of the damage caused by the U.S.-led measures was the most authoritative for several months.

. Its publication followed this week's appeal to the West by the. leader of the banned free trade union Solidarity, Mr. Lech Walesa, to lift the sanctions and pump money back into Poland.

Mr. Walesa said the country risked serious economic damage if sanctions continued to deprive it of investment resources, spare parts, raw materials and export markets.

The institute acknowledged that calculating the losses caused by sanctions was difficult but said the \$10.5 billion figure appeared to be accurate.

The sanctions hil Poland when it was already in the throes of an economic crisis and have served to prolong it. Their effect should encourage the West to change its policy, the institute said.

A change would make it easier for Poland to trade profitably, reschedule and pay off its \$23.5 billion debt to the West and try to lower the "huge and unprecedented burden of interest on credits," the institute added.

It said some factories relying oo imported parts and raw materials. were running at only 50 to 60 per cent capacity.

Removing restrictions would not restore output to its presanctions level but would bring about an increase which would help

Poland tackle its debt problems, it added. The institute said the U.S. decision to withdraw most favoured nation status from Poland was costing between \$70 and \$80 million a year in lost exports to the U.S.

The report was published by the official government newspaper Rzeczpospolita, apparently as part of an effort to make Poles aware. of the extent of the country's plight following the relative lack of success of a 1982 economic reform plan.

They have stressed that internal problems such as low productivity. absenteeism and alcoholism have contributed to the difficulties but apportioned the major part of the blame to the U.S. for maintaining

Soviet leaders said Friday the two

countries would improve their

cooperation in the coming years after protocols were signed here to further expand their bilateral eco-

Officials signed 3 protocols inv-

olving trade, oil exploration and

exchanges in science and tec-

hnology at the end of a 4 day ses-

sion of the Indo-Soviet joint

India's External Affairs Min-

ister P.V. Narasimha Rao said

with the manifold strands of eco-

nomic cooperation outlined in the

protocols, the two countries shad!

bridged the gap of several the-

usand miles separating Moscow

He said: "Our two countries

The Soviet Union is India's

ciose political aliv. its largest tra-

ding partner, and e major arms

supplier. The two countries are

linked by a treaty of friendship

and cooperation, signed shortly

before the Indo-Pakistan war-

Soviet First Deputy Prime Min-

will even come closer".

broke out in 1971.

commission in New Delhi.

nomic cooperation.

and Delhi.

India, USSR sign protocols to lift

NEW DELHI (R) - Indian and country's delegation to the joint areas of bilateral cooperation ioc-

commission talks, said the pro-

tocols were concerned not only

with immediate prospects of coo-

peration between them, but also

Mr. Arkhipov, who called on

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and

other Indian leaders in New Delhi.

said he had discussed with them

the international situation and bil-

Under a new 1984 trade pro-

tocol, commercial exchanges bet-

ween the two countries are tar-

geted to rise to a record \$3.84 bil-

.uA government statement said

the 1984 trade figure is 24 per cent

higher than the expected 1983

The oil protocol said Indian and-

a revive production

Soviet technicians would jointly

drill new onshore oil wells in eas-

in old wells in the western state of

It said the Soviet Union would

supply drilling rigs and train Ind-

ians in handling and preventing

The protocol on science and

turnover of \$3.1 billion.

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Gujarat.

Regan denies strong dollar harms partners

The indebtedness of countries such as Mexico and Brazil had

proved manageable, Mr. Regan told reporters, but he said it still

had elements in it that could cause

Speaking at a breakfast briefing following Friday's trade talks with

the European commission. Mr.

Regan noted that in the past year

33 Third World countries had rea-

ched agreement with the IMF on

economic recovery programmes.

This had opened the door for a

rescheduling of their foreign debts

and a return to creditworthiness,

Mr. Regan also stressed that it was ill-advised lending on dom-

estic energy projects, rather than

overseas lending, that put some of

the larger U.S. commercial banks

in difficulties last year.

opposes

France

British

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BRUSSELS (R) - France will

oppose payment of a budget ref-

und to Britain agreed earlier this

year notil the European Com-

munity agrees on reform of its ail-

ing finances. Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said Friday.

France also rejected British

demands for an overhaul of the

budget to reduce its payments to

European leaders agreed to

refund \$640 million to Britain on

its 1983 budget payments pro-

viding an accord was reached on

all other outstanding problems,

Mr. Cheysson, whose country

takes over from Greece as com-

mnoity president on Jan. 1, said

the 1983 rebate was to help Bri-

tain over a temporary financial

problem. It did not imply rec-

ognition of the British grievance

over budgetary imbalances, he

Mr. Cheysson told reporters.

the community, he added.

problems.

BRUSSELS (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan denied Saturday that the high value of the dollar was barming Washington's trading partners and blamed weakness in other industrialised eco-

nomies for helping boost its value.

He disputed that the strength of the dollar stemmed from deliberate U.S. policy to increase its

The dollar had regained its position as an international reserve currency, he said, leading to automatic exchange rate rises at times of international tension.

Mr. Regan told reporters that sustained weakness in the economies of other industrialised countries was a factor in the strength of the dollar.

Trade between the United States and Western Europe had nearly returned to balance after a \$12 billion deficit in 1981, mainly because of the strength of the dollar making U.S. goods expensive on world markets, he said.

This also helped Third World exports to the United States.

Mr. Regan also said that increased International Monetary Fund (IMF) quotas and a build-up of private banks reserves in the past year had sharply reduced the Third World's debt problems.

The trade protocol would help

India to sell for the first time sugar

and certain types of engineering

machinery and buy Soviet alu-

minium and cement, a gov-

But New Delhi has been unh-

appy at Moscow's decision to

impose heavy cuts in purchases of

Indian goods in the current cal-

endar year. They were likely to

reduce the total trade turnover in

the year to \$3.1 billion against

\$3.81 billion estimated in the

1983 protocol, according to off

The Soviet Union reduced or

stopped buying Indian goods, inc-

luding tea and textiles, in a bid to

slash a trade deficit with India that

stood at the start of 1983 at \$140

Under the 1984 protocol,

India's exports to the Soviet

Union are estimated at \$2 billion.

still favouring India with a trade

provides for sales of a 3.5 million

tonnes of Soviet oil to India, 1 mil-

lion tonnes above the annual

It does not detail the volume

and value of other goods to be tra-

ded between the two countries

that are paid in Indian rupees.

surplus of \$160 million.

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Sydney's decision to float Australian dollar welcomed

SYDNEY (R) — The Labour government's decision to float the Australian dollar from Monday was welcomed Saturday by the country's Conservative opposition as well as the banking, mining and farming industries.

said the move announced Friciay would prove to be intelligent and

correct in the long run. The decision, which came after Australia suspended all dollar trading, brought the country into line with most Western industrialised nations whose currencies were already determined by market

Reserve Bank Governor Bob Johnston said the float would be constructive not just for the local community but also for all parts of the international trading com-

Mr. James Strong. executive culators bringing money into the monetary centre. country.

week, snapping up a currency they

felt was undervalued.

Deputy opposition leader Mr. the speculators will now be spe-John Howard, a former treasurer, culating against themselves rather than against the Australian government via the Reserve Bank." Treasurer Paul Keating said in his announcement Friday night.

The National Farmers Federation said the move would help export industries in the long term. The federation had been calling

for a floating dollar for years to solve the government's exchange rate problems, a spokesman said. Foreign exchange dealers also

welcomed the move both here and in London though they predicted a nervous market as the dollar found its natural level.

Some newspapers said the flodirector of the Australian Mining tation and the relaxation of for-Industry Council. said it would eign exchange controls would remove a lot of the pressure on the open the way for Australia to bececonomy caused by overseas spe- ome an important international

The influential Australian said Speculators had brought 1.5 bil- it had "opened up our financial lion Australian dollars in the past system to the world and laid the framework for Australia to share in a potentially thriving int-"The decision to float means emational capital market."

Soviets plan to set up

DUBAI (R) - The Soviet Union plans to establish a trade office in

The vice-president of the Soviel chamber of commerce and industry, Mr. N.E. Mardoniev, told Reuters that agreement had been reached as far back as 1971 cm establishing diplomatic relations with

talks with UAE foreign ministry officials.

He said his talks had shown that both sides were "very interested in developing diplomatic and economic relations."

Efforts to open a trible office would go through the Soviet embassy in Kuwait, he said, without mentioning when such an office might

between the two countries, the volume of which has so far been relatively small, diplomats said.

Kuwait is the only member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states which has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

trade office in UAE

the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and hopes to establish diplomatic relations with the UAE eventually, a senior trade official said.

the UAE but that so far not even a trade office had been opened.

Mr. Mardoniev. heading a six-man trade delegation, has visited the emirates of Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, as well as Dubai, and has had

The opening of a trade office in the UAE could boost trade

Cyprus tax increases come into force

NICOSIA (R) - Higher taxes the government. The protocol signed by Soviet came into force io Cyprus Friday Deputy Foreign Trade Minister 1.T. Grishin and India's Comfollowing parliamentary approval Thursday night. merce Secretary Abid Hussain

Cigarettes, alcohol, televisions, video recorders and electricity are among the wide range of goods and services on which hefty taxes were slapped in a government bid to curb its massive budget deficit. Parliament, however, slashed by half the 28 million pounds (\$56

million) in tax rises proposed by

Imported alcoholic drioks are among the hardest hit, with the duty on whisky, for example, rai-

sed to 39 Cyprus pounds (\$78 from 21 pounds (\$42). Duties on imported colour televisions go up by 50 per cent. those on video recorders by 20 per cent, while a 20 per cent tax will be

added to telephone and telex bills.

Fuel oil imports have been exe-

mented: "Lest anyone thinks of getting away from all this overseas, there will also be a 10 per cent travel tax on fares and airport fees have been more than doubled to 4 pounds (\$81 per person."

The ruling minority Democratic Party of President Spyros Kyprianou and its allied Communist Party supported the increases which were passed by 18 votes against 12 in the 35-seat chamber.

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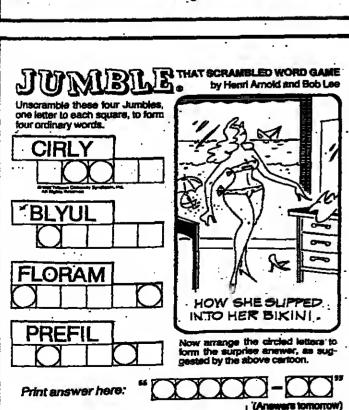
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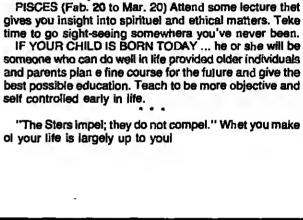
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THE Daily Crossword by Evelyn Banshoof

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1983

Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An early morning upset in

your plans will take some patience, but later you will find

you can make lang-range plans to get e greater amount

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LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Stay with family and avoid co-

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Remove yourself from an

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Concentrate on your books

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nav. 21) Spend time with your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Think cerelully

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more direct and

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pointing so make some new acquaintances. Have fun but

mate and friends. Forget the practical and have e good

before making drastic changes. Plan your future intelligent-

honest. Show true affection to family and friends. Be happy

and avoid going out. Make decisions for the new week's

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workers today. Show respect to the elderly; entertain them.

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3 soldiers hurt as bomb explodes at London barracks guardroom

LONDON (R) — A bomb partly demolished the guardroom wall at a London army barracks early Saturday, injuring three soldiers, military spokesmen said.

Some 400 army personnel were evacuated from their quarters and police told about 20 civilian residents to leave their homes nearby

in case there was another bomb. The casualties suffered minor injuries and shock, said a spokesman at the Royal Artillery Regiment barracks, in southeast London's Woolwich District.

An eyewitness said the bomb left a crater five metres wide. Some soldiers were at a Christmas

2. Indian

officials said Saturday.

raiding expedition.

guards killed

DHAKA (R) - Two members of

the Indian Border Security Force

(BSF) were hacked to death by

villagers after they crossed ill-

gladesh border guards and the

BSF held a meeting following the

incident and agreed to tighten

LONDON (R) - Britain's nat-

ional newspapers were Saturday

threatened with an all-out sto-

ppage triggered off by a fresh crisis

over a print union's defiance of

tough conservative government

laws aimed at curbing the powers

A high court judge Friday fined

the National Graphical Ass-

ociation (NGA) £525.000 (\$

750,000; for refusing to obey

court orders to stop organising

mass picketing outside a local

newspaper group in northwest

Englend.
The fine was the third imposed

on the NGA. Britain's most pow-

criul print union, in a dispute

which has occasioned the worst

industrial violence since Prime.

Minister Margaret Thatcher came

The judge, hearing the case in

Manchester, rejected a request

from the union for a second

seven-day adjournment to allow

30 when 25 policemen and 18 pic-

kers were injured and 86 people

arrested showed the NGA leaders

were prepared to flout the law in

an attempt to smash a business

The court has already fined the

GOREN BRIDGE

union a total of £150,000 (\$

with which it was in dispute.

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He said violent scenes on Nov.

to power in 1979.

for further peace talks.

of trade unions.

threatens to spread

Party 300 metres from the blast. The 3:45 a.m. explosion shanered windows of shops, houses and parked cars over a radius of

One civilian said: "I was in bed and the explosion blew all the glass from my windows on to the bed. All the frames came out.

about 200 metres, police said.

It was the first bomb attack on the armed forces in mainland Bri-tain, since July 1982 when two

bonn'bs planted by Irish Repcentral London parks killed 11 sold lers.

Earlier, a series of Irish guerrilla bomb attacks in London in 1981 three; killed people and injured 39. . said.

The IRA planted a small bomb at W-ciolwich barracks two years of who was responsible. ago, injuring two women, and in 1974 a bomb exploded in a crowded tavern opposite the same barraolks, killing one man and injuring 22:6 people.

An innuamed man was arrested in northern Ireland and brought to Londoin a week ago for questioning about the 1981 bombings, prolice said last Monday.

In Belfast two policemen were ublikan Army (IRA) guerrillas in injured Friday night by a bomb which blew out the front of a derelict house in the Northern Ireland town of Armagh, near the Irish Republic's border, police sources

There was no immediate word

On Thursday night bombs damaged five buildings in the nearby town of Newry. Both towns have long been cen-

tres of conflict between Irish Republican guerrillas, claiming to represent the province's minority Roman Catholic community, and the Protestant majority, fiercely loyal to British rule.

> Meanwhile, in Washington, a U.S. States Department official. when asked to comment on the U.N. discussions said, "the world was shocked" by the event.

UNITED NATIONS (USIA) -

North Korea was come in for

heavy condemnation at the Uni-

ted Nations by both the non-

aligned nations and Western cou-

ntries for its October bombing in

Burma that killed 21 persons, inc-

luding 17 members of a visiting

The expressions of outrage and

condemnation came during three

days of discussion in the U.N.'s

legal committee on international

terrorism held from Dec. 6 till 8.

The discussions preceded a fin-

ding by a Burmese court that two North Korean agents were guilty

of the deed. Both were con-

demned to death.

South Korean delegation.

"That shock," he added, "was reflected in the speeches made during the UNGA discussions." He noted that "some 29 nonaligned countries were among the 45 speakers criticising the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the attack.

"No one defended North Korea, including its allies," the U.S. official noted. "The representative of Burma," he added. presented the conclusions of his government's investigation of the attack, which determined that the North Korean army officers... had carried out the attack under the instructions of their government."

Non-aligned, Western

nations unanimous in

condemning N.Korea

In an unusual display of una-minity among Third World and Western delegations. North Korea at the U.N. committee sessions was singled our by a majority. of the countries for its "horrendous," "cowardly," and "unspeakable act" of international ter-

In a year in which the number of. acts of terrorism is expected to exceed 800, delegates noted, the incident in Burma was singled out as "particularly repulsive" as no other incident in any part of the WOTE.

Over 40 delegations con-demned the North Korean attack in Rangoon against the visiting South Korean delegation led by President Chun Doo Hwan, and almost half supported the findings of the Burmese investigators that the North Korean government itswas responsible.

Costa Rican delegate Edwin Munoz pointed out that the act was deplorable not only because it violated the sovereignty of a third state, but also because it had been executed by a grivernment.

Nigeria called the act "as cow ardly as it was worreadous." Unfortunately. A. Aom Adeyemi added. "It is easier to condemn such acts than it is to avert them."

W. Germans begin U.S. missile base blockade

MUTLANGEN, West Germany (R) - About 2.000 anti-nuclea demonstrators begant a protest Saturday outside a U.S. air force base here, expected to be assite for Pershing-2 missiles, the first wi which arrived two weeks ago.

The organisers told reporters they planned to surround the base. near Stuttgart, and at five minutes to noon link hands in silence as a symbol of an impending nuclear catastrophe. They planned to end their pub

test with a religious service outside Mutlangen and then form a human chain between the camp and the nearby medieval town of Schwaebisch Gmuend.

Police reported no early incidents. West German and U.S. apt-

horides have refused to say where the Pershings will be deployed but is an open secretthas they will be sited at Mutlangen and two camps nearby.

West Germany is one of five countries that said they would take new NATO nuclear weapons if Moscow refused to scrap its SS-20 rockets aimed at Western Europe.

Previous demonstrations at Mutlangen, one of three camps which the anti-nuclear protesters say will house the raissiles, fizzand out. Either nothing moved from the base or police carried demonstrators off access roads to let military convoys through.

In a separate four-day action which began in Frankfurt Friday. police used water cannon as clear several bundred demonstraters away from a U.S. military camp believed to be the workplace of technicians from the Martin Marietta Company, which makes Pertbing parts.

Police said they demained 204 people, most of whom were ref eased lates. Friday night only about 50 demonstrators were still braving miserable seather near the camp entrance.

Ortega ready to meet Bush

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega has United States Vice-President George Bush in Buenos Aires as part of efforts to solve the conflict

in Central America. Mr. Ortega, in Argentina for Saturday's mauguration of President Raul Alfonsip, hold regt orters Friday night "We believe we have the obligation to fight for peace, even if the the fights for

"I am willing to meet Mr. Bush during my visit to Busines Aires. where I also plan to meet with other Latin American presidents," he said. Mr. Bush is also attending the inauguration.

Mr. Ortaga said on Thursday in Ecuador any U.S. invasion of his country would eventually be beston. Nicaragua has repeatedly allexed that U.S.-backed right-wing sebels seeking to overthrow its Rivernment operate from Costs.

In Panama, a foreign ministry spokesman said Friday that talks set for later this month in Panama City to implement a Central Appli rican peaces plan bave ween posttponed until January,

A general agreement based on a widely approved peace plan was expected to have been signed at the Dec. 20-21 meeting.

4 squatters strip

before Mossa Lisa

off their clothes in front of the painting of the Mona Lisa in the Louvie Museum to protest about their expulsion from a squat, police said The lady preserved her mysa... terious smile. But the museum keepers were not assessed and called the police. These of the demenstrators were arrested before they had time to dress, but the fourth managed to escape with his ciothes under his arm.

PARIS (IE) — Four squatters took

New York bors Wild to Warts pregnant wemen

NEW YORK (R) - Mayor Edward Koch has signed a law reqhiring New York City taveras to post signs warning werenn of the deagers of dreaking while preeffect in February, will require places where alcohol is sold to post prominent signs saying: "War-sages Drinking alcoholic bev-bages can cause birth defects." sad sontroversy with the national. organisation of women, whichcomplained that it made the rights of unborn children superior to the rights of mothers. But Mayor which disagreed. The signs only give "pregnant women the figice." he said.

Veteran Hollywood nctor dies at 64

MODESTO, California (Pd) -Burly, slow-speaking character acter Slien Pickers, who switched from a rodeo rider to star of such films as "Dr. Strangelove" and -"Mazing Saddles." died here Fridey of pneumonia, family friends in theeth for some time and underwent an operation last December to remove a brain tumour. Pickens, born Louis Lindley, was probably best known for his role as bomber pilot Maj. T.J. "King" Keong in "Dr. Strangelove." One of the few actors who could drive a six-horse stagecoach team, he appeared in scores of Western films in the late 1940s. His later films included "The Great Locomotive Chase." "One-eyed Jacks." "Major Dundee." Rough Night in Jericho" and The Cowboys."

Mangarian eness wandwaster killed

LONDON (R) - Flungarian chess grandmaster Janos Flesch was killed in an car accident Friday in Ramsgate, south east Englead, and his wife died later of injunies, a chess colleague reported. fæsch. 50. author ele number of ★ books on chess, claimed the world ? secord for simultaneous play against 52 opponents while blindfold i in Baidapest in 1960. He was in England to compete in intemational tournaments and to watch the world chess chain pipeship chimication semi-fines * Endon in which his companyie Zaran Ribh is competing.

Ex-congressman sentenced to iail

WASHINGTON (R) - Former Congressman John Jenrette was sentenced to two years in prison and field \$20,000 on bribery charges. The South Carolina Democrat was one of seven members of Engress who were convicted in # FBI's 1980 "Abscam" undexpover operation where agents at posed as Arab shellens and offered bribes to representatives and senators. He was freed on bail pending an appeal.

S. Africa despreys last smallpox wires

MANNESBURG (R) - The last smallpox virus in Africa was destroyed by the South African health minister at a high-security Johannesburg laboratory, health officials said. Until Friday the national institute of visology here was one of three laboratories where the virus was kept and studied. Y The vicus is still held in the United Sales and the Soviet Union. Sma-Trok killed more than two million people before the World Health Organisation annoused in 1980 that the natural world was free of the deadly virus.

Walesa accepts Nobel Prize

OSLO(R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Polish trade union Solidarity, said Saturday in a speech accepting the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize that millions of Polish workers associated with Solidarity felt greatly honoured by the prize.

egally into Bangladesh's northern district of Kushtia Friday, district His speech was delivered at the award ceremony in the old hall of Oslo University by his wife Dan-uta, who received the 1.5 million They claimed that five men of the force crossed the border, a small, silted river, on a cattle-Swedish crown (\$192,000) prize on his behalf. Local commanders of the Ban-

The 40-year-old union leader. who was interped for 11 months for his opposition campaign, declined to attend the prize ceremony measures against illegal crossings.

215.0(8)) and frozen its £10-

million (\$14,4-million) assets for

NGA representatives on the

national papers have expressed

outrage at the latest fine and dec-

They will then known the next move decided upon by their lea-

ders at a NGA national council

meeting due to be held Saturday.

Wade warned early Friday that

support action could spread to nat-

government legislation to try to

The dispute, which resulted in a

brief closure of national new-

spapers last month, began 24

weeks ago when six union mem-

bers were fired by the provincial

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NGA General Secretary Joe

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In his b rief speech, Mr. Walesa, who was honoured for his contribution i'to ensuring workers' rights to e stablish their own organisations, said people were aware of the reasions why he could not come to recieive the award in per-

"On that solemn day my place is among those with whom I have grown and to whom I belong -

the workers of Gdansk," he said. Stressing t he peaceful methods of Solidarity. Mr. Walesa said: We are fighting for the right of the working theople to association and for the dignity of human lab-

Presenting the prize to Mrs. Walesa, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel committee Egil Aarvik said:

"Lech Walesa has made humanity bigger and more inviolable... it is the committee's opinion that he stands as an inspiration and a shining example to all those who, under different conditions, fight for freedom and humanity.'

The Polish government has condemned the award as a polirically motivated gesture by the West and Polish media were expected to ignore Saturday's cer-

Alfonsin vows to change Argentine political map

By Robert Powell

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Raul Alfonsin, who took over as president of Argentina Saturday, has promised to consolidate its newfound democracy after 50 years of political instability.

Yhe 57-year-old lawyer led his

Radical Party to a landslide victory in elections on Oct. 30 on a pledge to respect the constitution and human rights while tackling acute economic problems.

A man of tremendous energy. his personal appeal and Social Democratic philosophy have succeeded in broadening the party's traditional power base among the middle class The election marked Arg-

entina's return to democracy after nearly eight years of harsh military rule. Mr. Alfonsin inflicted a crushing defeat on the traditionally dominant Peronist Party. He promised "100 years of

peace and prosperity" and an end to the cycle of weak civilian governments and military coups which has characterised Argentina since 1930. Mr. Alfonsin was born the son

of an affluent Spanish immigrant shopkeeper in Chascomus, a small town 120 kilometres south of Buenos Aires, on March 13, 1926. He was educated at a military high school alongside several men who became top figures in the armed forces during the latest per-

iod of military rule. But instead of following a career in the army, he studied law at Buenos Aires University, graduating in 1950. He returned to his home town and soon became deeply involved in politics.

A keen activist of the Radical Party since his teens, he became a deputy in the legislative assembly of Buenos Aires Province in 1952.



aged only 26. to the national parliament and two years later became president of the Radical Party in Buenos Aires Province, which contains half of Argentine's 28 million pop-

Mr. Alfonsin founded the centre-left renovation and change faction of the party in 1972 and unsuccessfully challenged the incumbent Ricardo Balbin for the party leadership.

He opposed Mr. Balbin's policy of cooperation with the Peronists which relegated the Radical Party to being a permanent second force in national politics. He called for a more frontal opposition to Peronism and a campaign tn recapture the Radical Party's mass appeal.

During the 1970s, he travelled widely in Latin America and Western Europe, developing close contacts with Social Democrat parties.

Along with other politicians, he was forced to suspend overt political activity after the 1976 coup which overthrew the elected government of Maria Estela Martinez de Peron.

ounced Argentina's return to democracy last year following their defeat in the Falklands (Malvinas) conflict with Britain, Mr, Alfonsin was one of the first political leaders to step into the lim-

aman wights stand

He rapidly became well known for his scathing attacks on military rule and his strong stand on human rights.

In December 1982 he struck an alliance with the Cordoba wing of the party and declared himself a candidate for the presidency. He toured the country tirelessly to campaign for social and economic progress based on a strict application of democracy, and accused several Peronist trade perion leaders of making a pact with hardline army officers.

Mr. Alfonsis has said one of his

top priorities will be a reform of the trade unions to eliminate what he calls gangster tactics and make union leaders more accountable to their members. In July, the renovation and chn-

nge faction gained cerright control of the Radical Party in internal elections and Mr. Alfonsin was formally proclaimed party He lost no time in starting his

campaign and once again set off on a whistle-stop tour to the pro-The physical and mental strain

showed in an increase in his habitually huge appenite and he gained 15 kilos in the two months before polling day.

his personal doctor.

He rises regularly at six a.m. and is rarely in bed before midnight. "Raul is as wough as a bull." says

By Arthur Spiegelman

Reuter

NEW YORK - Congressional hearings into alleged police brutality and racism in New York

> began in July have been designed to trip Koch up when he seeks a third term in 1985. The mayor has accused Con-

gressman John Conyers of using his criminal justice sub-committee of the House of Representatives judiciary committee to single out New York for investigation at the i'nstigation of Mayor Koch's polistical enemies.

been mayor, his most vocal critics have been black leaders claiming he ignores the needs of minorities composing almost 45 per cent of

York clergymen who approached Mr. Cnnyers. a black Detroit Democrat, and asked for the hearings into incidents of racism and brutality involving police officers.

ders make no bones that they are searching for a candidate to stand against Mr. Koch in 1985. Of the four largest cities in the espread. United States. New York is the only one without a black mayor

New York's black political lea-

and where no blacks hold citywide office. Among New York's 25 per cent black and 20 per cent hispanic population, there are many who believe their brethren are harassed and beaten by police bec-

ause of the colour of their skin. However, one city official said the police had been caught in the middle of a power struggle.

"What better issue can you have to gain media attention if you are black than to have a hearing on police brutality." he said. The head of the Patrolmen's

Benevolent Association, the police union, stormed out of a heavily guarded committee hearing in New York last week dubbing the inquiry a witchunt But behind all the political

bombast are genuine gricvances. Addaough officials have acknowledged that some racism exists. in the 24,000-member police department, they deny that racism and brutality is systematic or wid-

This was a charge made by Mr. Convers at a hearing in September but later retracted at Mr. Koch's nsistence.

At the September hearing. about 100 people gave evidence on some 98 incidents ranging from rudeness to alleged murder. Five cases involved police out-

side New York and one-third happened before Mr. Koch took office.

Mor than half the incidents involved brushes between minority groups and white officers, 25 of them resulting in deaths. There were 17 allegations of unnecessary force being used.

The solice said officers were threatened or a weapon used in 21

of the death cases and that no criminal wrongdoing was found against police in 96 per-cent of cases · Black policemen also gave evidence of confrontations with white officers, saying: "White police officers cannot tell the diffference between black crooks and black cops."

lack cops." gressional investigation has ignored the difficulties faced by New York's police who yearly cope with more than 1,600 murders. 3.500 rapes. 100;600 robbesies and 200,(III) burglaries among ether crimes.

Between 1978 and 1983, police say 29 officers were killed and 50% shot at, while 600,600 arrests were made.

City officiels ware than regegations, making police brutality a political issue could polarise the

Meanwhile, Mr. Convers' committee has yet to decide whether to issue a report on New York, recommend new federali legislation or keep on inquiring.

this hand. It cropped up in the annual Brighton Spring Foursomes. Four hearts was the contract at both tables. South had considerable playing strength, so he issued a game invitation by asking for belp in diamonds. Since North had a key diamond honor as well as a maximum raise to two

LOSE A LOSER, GAIN A TRICK Both vulnerable. South deals. bearts, he was glad to oblige. At both tables, the lead was the jack of spades. One declarer saw that be could pick up trumps on a 4-0 break if East beld all the trumps, so be won the ace of spades in hand and led a trump to the queen. Unfortunately it was ♦ KJ973 North who bad the four **↑** A K 92

trumpa, so declarer ended up conceding two diamonds and a club in addition to a trump - down one.

At the other table the declarer was Terence Reese, one of the world's great player-writers. He too won the ace of spades in hand, but at trick two he led the queen of clubs! Watch what difference that made.

East won and continued

with spades. Reese again won in hand and now he led a trump to the queen. When it developed that West held all the trumps, Reese had a second line of play available. He ruffed a club, crossed to the king of spades to ruff another club, then back to the ace of diamonds for a third club ruff. The end result was that he scored six trumps, three hearts, and the ace of diamonds to make his

contract!

U.K. printers dispute **ASEAN** jurists probe human rights JAKARTA (Ri) — A group of

South East Asian jurists marked human rights day by criticising their governments for alleged violations and publishing a 26-page human rights declaration.

ided to hold a big rally in London The regional council on human rights in Asia, a group of 22 jurists and other activists from Indonesia. Thailand, the Philippines. Malaysia and Slingapore, expressed concern that the economic recession might make their governments - all m embers of the Association of Sourth East Asian

Nations (ASEAN-) - become more repressive. "maverick employer" of using The council cheairman, Indonesian lawyer Adnan Buyung suck the union financially dry and Nasution, said after the group's first annual meeting that ASEAN countries suffered Inexplained disappearances, extra-legal executions, prolonged for indefinite detentions, exploitation of women, children and migrant messenger group of newspapers

workers, and oppression of minorities. Filipino lawyer Jose Diokno. the council secretary-general, said 3.000 people had been executed without trial in the five countries

over the past few years at a rough minimum estimate. There were about 1.500 political prisoners in ASEAN, Mr.

Diokno added, and the council intended to concentrate on campaigning for their release in the coming year. Mr. Nasution has appealed to Indonesia's armed forces commander. Gen. Benny Muirdani, to intervene to stop mystery killings

which have claimed the dives of

more than 2,000 eriminal suspects

in Indonesia over the past year in a

campaign generally welcomed by the public. Reagan urges defence of human rights

WASHINGTON (USIA) - President Reagan says Americans have the "responsibility to speak out against blatant affronts to human rights."

"We must and we will speak out against the incarceration of Soviet dissidents in the psychiatric wards. against the barbaric persecution of the members of the Baha'i faith in fran, against the racial injustice of the apartheid system in South Africa and against the persecution of the Catholic Church and the Solidarity labour movement in Poland." Mr. Reagan said.

The president's remarks came as he signed a proclamation setting aside Dec. 10 as human rights day and Dec. 15 as bill of rights day in the United States.

At the United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, marking Saturday's 35th anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights, urged states to work harder to narrow the gap between the document's vision and present-day reality.

New York minorities allege police discrimination

have sparked accusations that they are politically motivated and raised the ire of city Mayor Edward Koch to fever pitch. As far as official New York is concerned, the hearings that

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